

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §24-2-14

§24-2-14. Reports required to be filed by generating electric utilities; contents; powers of commission to obtain information; availability to the public; certain studies required.

(a) On a monthly basis and within thirty days of the last day of the month for which the information is required, each electric utility shall submit to the commission, on an individual basis for each power plant it owns or operates, a list of each purchase or other acquisition of coal or other fuel at the plant, the tonnage or other amount of each purchase or acquisition, the fuel's cost at the mine or other source, fuel handling costs (including but not limited to costs of loading and unloading such fuel and the cost of storage thereof), fuel transportation costs and the method or mode of such transportation, the name of the person, firm or corporation from which the fuel was purchased or otherwise acquired, the mine or other source of the fuel, the heat value of the fuel expressed in British Thermal Units, the sulfur and ash content of the fuel, the fuel's actual cost per one million British Thermal Units; the terms of purchase of such fuel; whether the fuel was purchased under a long-term or short-term agreement or was a spot market purchase; the terms of purchase of such fuel; the date of execution of any contract pertaining to the purchase of such fuel and the expiration date of such contract; if the fuel is coal, the amount mined underground and on the surface; and whether the source of the fuel was an affiliated or nonaffiliated person, firm or corporation.

In addition, at the same time and on a similar basis, such electric utility shall submit to the commission a list of all persons, firms and corporations in this state with which it or its parent corporation is affiliated and which produce coal or some other fuel which can be used at a power plant. Such list shall state the name of each affiliate, its principal place of business, the nature of the affiliation; each mine or other source of fuel which the affiliate owns or operates, whether within or outside the state; the amount of fuel produced each month at each mine or other source of fuel; the name of each person, firm or corporation to whom the fuel is sold or otherwise disposed of, a breakdown of the amount of fuel sold or otherwise disposed of under long-term or short-term agreements, the final location at which the fuel will actually be used and a breakdown of related handling costs and transportation costs, the heat value of the fuel expressed in British Thermal Units, the sulfur and ash content of the fuel; if the fuel is coal, the amount mined underground and on the surface; and the fuel's cost per one million British Thermal Units.

The commission shall require the electric utility to submit a list of all persons, firms and corporations, within and outside this state, with which it or its parent corporation is affiliated and which provide transportation or are a part of a network providing transportation of fuel to a power plant. It shall obtain and use all available pertinent information on transportation and transportation costs from each such electric utility and its affiliated persons, firms and corporations, including its parent corporation. The commission may require the electric utility or any affiliated person, firm or corporation, including its

parent corporation, to submit such other information as it considers necessary or advisable.

(b) If any information required under any provision of this section is located outside this state, the electric utility shall, at the option of the commission, either make the information available to the commission at the commission's offices or pay all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by the commission or its designated representative in obtaining the information at the place where such information is maintained. The commission may designate representatives, including comparable officials of the state in which the information is located, to obtain such information on its behalf.

(c) If he makes a written request therefor and pays the actual cost thereof, any member of the general public shall receive a copy of any information obtained by the commission under any provision of this section. Upon request, the Legislature or its designated staff shall receive any such information without delay and at no cost.

(d) The commission is hereby directed from time to time to investigate, study, and if necessary, conduct public hearings with respect to, new systems and policies for the pricing of electrical power to consumers taking into consideration the following: (1) Daily peak load pricing; (2) time of day metering system; (3) the lifeline service rate system; (4) the progressive or inverted rate system; (5) any other rate system designed or which may be designed to save energy and to lower consumer charges and in addition thereto the commission shall investigate and study with respect to the propriety and feasibility of including automatic adjustment clauses or fuel adjustment clauses in any electric utility tariff, rate, joint rate, charge, toll or schedule.

The commission, no later than January 1, 1976, shall prepare its first report with recommendations and shall submit the same to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature, and shall thereafter, from time to time, submit such updates and periodic reports as may be deemed appropriate to keep the Governor and the Legislature fully advised of systems and policies for the pricing of electrical power.