

# MINNESOTA STATUTES 1977 SUPPLEMENT

## 237.29 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

### 237.29 Companies to pay expense of investigations and hearings.

Subdivision 1. **Costs of investigations.** When the commission, upon its own motion, complaint, or application to it, and after a public hearing, in which a majority of the commissioners agree it is necessary through hearing or other action to investigate: (a) the value of any telephone property subject to its jurisdiction; (b) the adequacy or reasonableness of any telephone service or rate; (c) the cost of a proposed upgrading of service; or (d) telephone company revenues and expenses for rate making or other purposes, such telephone company which is the subject of the investigation shall be charged with and pay such portion of the compensation and expense of the commission, its officers, legal counsel, agents, and staff of the department of public service, including legal counsel and employees temporarily employed, and all reasonable expenses and costs occasioned in sustaining in any court the determination or action of the department in such investigations, as is reasonably attributable to such investigations, pending or hereafter brought. Within 30 days after the date of the mailing of any bill to it under this section, the telephone company against which the bill has been rendered may file with the commission objections setting out the grounds upon which it is claimed the bill is excessive, erroneous, unlawful or invalid. The commission shall within 60 days after the objections are filed, hold a hearing and issue an order in accordance with its findings. The order shall be appealable in the same manner as other final orders of the commission.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1976]

[ 1977 c 364 s 11 ]

## CHAPTER 238. CABLE COMMUNICATIONS

Sec.  
238.04 Board created.

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238.09 Certificate of confirmation.

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[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 2. Members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Each member shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. No more than four members shall be from the same political party.

[For text of subds 2a to 9, see M.S.1976]

[ 1977 c 414 s 14; 1977 c 444 s 16 ]

### 238.09 Certificate of confirmation.

Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivisions 4, 5 and 10, after May 24, 1973, no person shall exercise a franchise, and no such franchise shall be effective, until the board has confirmed such franchise.

[For text of subds 3 to 9, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 10. Any cable communications company which, pursuant to an existing franchise was lawfully engaged in actual operations and which was providing extension of service to an area or areas outside of its franchise boundaries on May 1, 1977 may, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, continue to provide such extension of service until May 1, 1978 or such time as the commission adopts line extension rules, whichever date is earlier.

[ 1977 c 396 s 3,4 ]