

**216E.16 RULES.**

The commission, in order to give effect to the purposes of this chapter, may adopt rules consistent with this chapter, including promulgation of site and route designation criteria, the description of the information to be furnished by the utilities, establishment of minimum guidelines for public participation in the development, revision, and enforcement of any rule, plan, or program established by the commission, procedures for the revocation or suspension of a site or route permit, and the procedure and timeliness for proposing alternative routes and sites. No rule adopted by the commission shall grant priority to state-owned wildlife management areas over agricultural lands in the designation of route avoidance areas. The provisions of chapter 14 shall apply to the appeal of rules adopted by the commission to the same extent as it applies to review of rules adopted by any other agency of state government.

The chief administrative law judge shall adopt procedural rules for public hearings relating to the site and route permit process. The rules shall attempt to maximize citizen participation in these processes consistent with the time limits for commission decision established in sections 216E.03, subdivision 10, and 216E.04, subdivision 7.

**History:** *1973 c 591 s 16; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1977 c 439 s 22; 1978 c 658 s 2; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1984 c 640 s 32; 2001 c 212 art 7 s 27; 2005 c 97 art 3 s 19*