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Utility rates and services affect every Alaskan. Utility customers deserve reasonable utility rates and reliable service. The Commission works protect consumer interests and promote economic development by ensuring affordable, reliable utility and pipeline services and ensuring that the utility and pipeline infrastructure is adequate to support community needs. To contact staff click on the "Contact Us" found at the top of the screen.

What does the Regulatory Commission do?

RCA (AS 42.04 - 42.06, and other statutes) regulates public utilities by certifying qualified providers of public utility and pipeline services; and ensuring that they provide safe and adequate services and facilities at just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions. This keeps rates as low as possible while allowing the utility to earn a fair return. The Commission also determines the eligibility and the per kilowatt-hour support for electric utilities under the Power Cost Equalization program (AS 42.45).


When do we need the Regulatory Commission of Alaska?

In most cases, when utilities request changes in either their rates or types of services they provide, the RCA provides notice to the public and allows thirty days for comments. The Commission then acts to approve or disapprove the utility's proposal. Public notices appear as advertisements in the local newspaper or are posted in the local post office.

Whom does the Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulate?

Most companies providing telephone, electric, gas, water, sewer, garbage, or steam services to ten or more customers are required to have a certificate to operate. A public utility or pipeline carrier must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity, which describes the authorized service area and scope of operations of the utility. A certificate may be issued only if the Commission finds the applicant to be fit, willing, and able to provide the utility service requested. The Commission regulates the rates, services, and practices of utilities that meet the criteria for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide service to the public for compensation. However, there are utilities that are not economically regulated, these include city-owned utilities, very small utilities, cable television (exception GCI, Cable in Juneau which is only rate regulated for basic Tier channels) cellular phone service, and cooperatives whose members have voted to become deregulated. The Commission also regulates oil pipeline companies that operate within Alaska.

Where is the Regulatory Commission of Alaska located?

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The Commission holds most public meetings in Anchorage, although hearings may be held in affected communities throughout the state.

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