

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE § 476.10A	DOCKET NO. M-0001
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**NOTICE OF INVOICE OBJECTION PROCEDURE FOR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT TO
FUND THE IOWA ENERGY CENTER**

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.10A(1)(a), the Utilities Board (Board) shall direct all gas and electric utilities to remit to the treasurer of state one-tenth of one percent of the total gross operating revenues during the last calendar year derived from their intrastate public utility operations. The Board has adopted 199 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 17.7 to establish the billing procedure for such remittances.

On April 28, 2022, the Board issued invoices to all gas and electric utilities in accordance with rule 17.7 and Iowa Code § 476.10A(1)(a), requiring the remittance of assessments based upon calendar year 2021 gross operating revenues. The invoices were dated May 2, 2022.

Since the issuance of the May 2, 2022 invoices, the Board has received inquiries in regard to the 2022 Iowa Code § 476.10A assessment invoices. Therefore, this notice is being issued to provide information about the procedure for contesting these invoices.

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OBJECTION PROCEDURE

The procedure for a person subject to assessment to object to such assessment is set forth at 199 IAC 17.10 and can be summarized as follows:

1. An objection must be filed by the person subject to the assessment within 30 days of notice of the amount due. Because there is a difference between the date of transmittal and the date set forth on the 2022 Iowa Code § 476.10A invoices, the Board will accept such objections through June 2, 2022.
2. An objection must be in writing and must set forth the specific grounds upon which the person claims the assessment is excessive, unreasonable, erroneous, unlawful, or invalid. The person objecting may include such evidence or information as the person believes relevant to support the person's claim.
3. If the person objecting wishes to orally present argument to the Board, the request for oral argument must be included in the objection.
4. Upon receipt of an objection, the objection will be assigned a docket number in the Board's electronic filing system, which shall include all filings pertaining to the objection. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.14, the Board may consolidate dockets that raise associated issues.
5. If oral argument is requested or otherwise determined to be appropriate by the Board, the Board will issue an order scheduling such argument. In all other cases, the Board shall issue an order in accordance with its findings.
6. The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities and the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives may make filings on behalf of their members in any docket in which a timely filed objection is pending to address the potential universal applicability of the Board's findings, or an individual member of such associations may file an objection separately on its own behalf.
7. Upon the receipt of anticipated objections from rate-regulated utilities subject to Board jurisdiction, the Board intends to consolidate all objections in one contested case proceeding for the determination of the issues raised.

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