

Table 7.38
SELECTED REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF STATE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONS

State or other jurisdiction	Agency has authority to:									
	Controls rates of privately owned utilities on sales to ultimate consumers of		Prescribe temporary rates, pending investigation		Require prior authorization of the changes		Suspend proposed rate changes		Initiate rate investigation on its own motion	
	Electric	Gas	Electric	Gas	Electric	Gas	Electric	Gas	Electric	Gas
Alabama	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Alaska	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Arizona .....	★	★	★	★	★	★	...	...	★	★
Arkansas	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
California	★	★	★	★ (a)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Colorado	★	★	★ (b)	★ (b)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Connecticut	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Delaware	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Florida	★	★	★ (c)	★ (c)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Georgia	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Hawaii	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Idaho	★	★	★	★	★ (d)	★ (d)	★	★	★	★
Illinois	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Indiana	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Iowa	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Kansas	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Kentucky	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Louisiana	★	★ (e)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Maine	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Maryland	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Massachusetts	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Michigan	★	★	★ (f)	★ (f)	★	★	(g)	(g)	★	★
Minnesota	★	★ (h)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Mississippi	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Missouri	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Montana	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Nebraska (i) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nevada	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
New Hampshire	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
New Jersey	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
New Mexico	★	★	★ (j)	★ (j)	★	★	★	★	★	★
New York	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
North Carolina	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
North Dakota	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Ohio	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Oklahoma	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Oregon	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Pennsylvania	★ (k)	★ (l)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Rhode Island	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
South Carolina .....	★	★	★	...	★	★	...	...	★	★
South Dakota	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Tennessee	★	★	★ (j)	★ (j)	★	★	★	★	★	★
Texas .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Utilities .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Comm.	★	...	★	...	★	...	★	...	★	...
Railroad .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Comm. ....	...	★	...	★	...	★	...	★	...	★
Utah	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Vermont	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Virginia	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Washington	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
West Virginia	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Wisconsin	★	★	★	★	★	★	(g)	(g)	★	★
Wyoming	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Dist. of Columbia	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Puerto Rico .....	...	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
U.S. Virgin Islands .....	...	...	★	...	★	...	...	...	...	...

See footnotes at end of table.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONS

SELECTED REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF STATE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONS — Continued

Source: Survey by The Council of State Governments, January 2000.
Note: Full names of commissions are shown on Table 7.37, "State Public Utility Commissions."

Key:

★ — No new data.

★ — Yes

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(a) Authority is not exercised.

(b) No specific statutory authority.

(c) Under Florida statute, utility may apply for interim increase, which must be granted if it proves that it is currently earning below the range of its last authorized rate of return.

(d) Rates become effective after expiration of suspension period if Commission does not take action.

(e) Except no authority over rates charged to industrial customers by any gas company.

(f) Interim rates may be prescribed after statutory requirements are met.

(g) Rate changes do not go into effect until approved by Commission.

(h) Rates not regulated for gas utilities serving fewer than 650 customers.

(i) Telephone is the only regulated utility with jurisdiction limited to rate increases for basic exchange service of more than 10 percent during a 12-month period. State has no private power companies. Natural gas is provided by private companies through franchise granted by each local jurisdiction.

(j) Emergency only.

(k) The Commission regulates only the distribution rates of the electric distribution company and the generation charges of the provider of last resort.

(l) The Commission regulates only the distribution rates of the natural gas distribution company and the gas supply charges of the supplier of last resort.