

Louisiana Revised Statute

§1163. Power to regulate rates and service; exceptions

A.(1) The commission shall exercise all necessary power and authority over any street railway, gas, electric light, heat, power, waterworks, or other local public utility for the purpose of fixing and regulating the rates charged or to be charged by and service furnished by such public utilities.

(2) However, no aspect of direct sales of natural gas by natural gas producers, natural gas pipeline companies, natural gas distribution companies, or any other person engaging in the direct sale of natural gas to industrial users for fuel or for utilization in any manufacturing process, or to any person for use in vehicles capable of using compressed natural gas which when combusted results in comparably lower emissions of oxides of nitrogen, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, or particulates or any combination thereof, shall be subject to such regulation by the commission.

(3) In addition, a schedule of rates of an electric cooperative shall not require approval of the commission if the schedule previously was approved by the board of directors of the electric cooperative and by the federal government or any agency thereof, nor shall the authority of the commission extend to the service rendered by electric cooperatives except to the extent provided in R.S. 45:123 and in orders of the commission promulgated to effectuate the purposes of R.S. 45:123.

B. The commission shall exercise all necessary power and authority over any electric cooperative, that, by a vote of its membership, has elected to be regulated by the commission, as provided in R.S. 12:426, for the purpose of fixing and regulating the rates charged or to be charged and services furnished by the cooperative.

Acts 1964, No. 446, §1; Acts 1978, No. 77, §1; Acts 1983, No. 636, §3, eff. Jan. 1, 1984; Acts 1990, No. 306, §1; Acts 1990, No. 531, §1.