

## CHAPTER 221

AN ACT concerning entities under the regulatory or licensing jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.48:5A-10.1 Electronic filing of documents by cable television companies.

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, the board shall, consistent with federal law, establish, on its official Internet site, a secure online process to allow cable television companies to complete online any documents the board requires by regulation or order to be submitted to it by cable television companies, and electronically submit completed documents for review and approval by the appropriate officer of the board.

b. Subsection a. of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the filing of documents with the board by non-electronic means if such non-electronic filing is required pursuant to court order, federal law, contract, or any other applicable legal requirement.

C.48:5A-10.2 Electronic filing of documents by public utilities.

2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, the board shall, consistent with federal law, establish, on its official Internet site, a secure online process to allow public utilities operating under the board's jurisdiction pursuant to R.S.48:2-13 to complete online any documents the board requires by regulation or order to be submitted to it by such public utilities, and electronically submit completed documents for review and approval by the appropriate officer of the board.

b. Subsection a. of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the filing of documents with the board by non-electronic means if such non-electronic filing is required pursuant to court order, federal law, contract, or any other applicable legal requirement.

C.48:5A-10.3 Electronic filing of documents by entities under jurisdiction of BPU.

3. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, the board shall, consistent with federal law, establish, on its official Internet site, a secure online process to allow entities licensed by or otherwise operating under the jurisdiction of the board pursuant to P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-49 et al.), to complete online any documents the board requires by regulation or order to be submitted to it by such entities, and electronically submit completed documents for review and approval by the appropriate officer of the board.

b. Subsection a. of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the filing of documents with the board by non-electronic means if such non-electronic filing is required pursuant to court order, federal law, contract, or any other applicable legal requirement.

4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the twenty-fourth month following enactment, but the Board of Public Utilities may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved January 17, 2012.