

**CHAPTER 24. SUBSTANTIVE RULES APPLICABLE TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

**Subchapter E. CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PROTECTION.**

**§24.82. Resolution of Disputes.**

- (a) Any customer or service applicant requesting the opportunity to dispute any action or determination of a utility under the utility's customer service rules shall be given an opportunity for a review by the utility. If the utility is unable to provide a review immediately following the customer's request, arrangements for the review shall be made for the earliest possible date. Service shall not be disconnected pending completion of the review. The commission may require continuation or restoration of service pending resolution of a complaint. If the customer will not allow an inspection or chooses not to participate in such review or not to make arrangements for such review to take place within five working days after requesting it, the utility may disconnect service for the reasons listed in §24.88 of this title (relating to Discontinuance of Service), provided notice has been given in accordance with that section.
- (b) In regards to a customer complaint arising out of a charge made by a public utility, if the commission finds that the utility has failed to make the proper adjustment to the customer's bill after the conclusion of the complaint process established by the commission, the commission may issue an order requiring the utility to make the adjustment. Failure to comply with the order within 30 working days of receiving the order is a violation for which the commission may impose an administrative penalty under TWC, §13.4151.