

**Subchapter A. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.**

**§22.1. Purpose and Scope.**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide a system of procedures for practice before the Public Utility Commission of Texas that will promote the just and efficient disposition of proceedings and public participation in the decision-making process. The provisions of this chapter shall be given a fair and impartial construction to attain these objectives.
  
- (b) **Scope.**
  - (1) This chapter shall govern the initiation, conduct, and determination of proceedings required or permitted by law, including proceedings referred to SOAH, whether instituted by order of the commission or by the filing of an application, complaint, petition, or any other pleading.
  - (2) This chapter shall govern proceedings under the Texas Utilities Code, Texas Water Code, Texas Health and Safety Code, Texas Government Code, or any other statute granting the Public Utility Commission of Texas authority to conduct proceedings.
  - (3) This chapter shall not be construed so as to enlarge, diminish, modify, or otherwise alter the jurisdiction, powers, or authority of the commission, the commission staff, or the substantive rights of any person.
  - (4) To the extent that any provision of this chapter is in conflict with any statute or substantive rule of the commission, the statute or substantive rule shall control.