

16.969 Fees for certain high-voltage transmission lines.

(1) In this section:

(a) "Commission" means the public service commission.

(b) "High-voltage transmission line" means a high-voltage transmission line, as defined in s. [196.491 \(1\) \(f\)](#), that is designed for operation at a nominal voltage of 345 kilovolts or more.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules that require a person who is issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\)](#) for a high-voltage transmission line to pay the department the following fees:

(a) An annual impact fee in an amount equal to 0.3 percent of the cost of the high-voltage transmission line, as determined by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#).

(b) A one-time environmental impact fee in an amount equal to 5 percent of the cost of the high-voltage transmission line, as determined by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#).

(3)

(a) The department shall distribute the fees that are paid by a person under the rules promulgated under sub. (2) (a) to each town, village and city that is identified by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#) in proportion to the amount of investment that is allocated by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#) to each such town, village and city.

(b) The fee that is paid by a person under the rules promulgated under sub. (2) (b) shall be distributed as follows:

1. The department shall pay 50 percent of the fee to each county that is identified by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#) in proportion to the amount of investment that is allocated by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#) to each such county.

2. The department shall pay 50 percent of the fee to each town, village and city that is identified by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#) in proportion to the amount of investment that is allocated by the commission under s. [196.491 \(3\) \(gm\)](#) to each such town, village and city.

(4) A county, town, village, or city that receives a distribution under sub. (3) (b) may use the distribution only for park, conservancy, wetland or other similar environmental programs, unless the commission approves a different use under this subsection. A county, town, village, or city that receives a distribution may request in writing at any time that the commission approve a different use. The commission shall make a decision no later than 14 days after receiving such a request. The commission shall approve a request if it finds that the request is in the public interest.

History: [1999 a. 9](#); [2003 a. 89](#).

Cross-reference: See also Adm 46, Wis. adm. code.