



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The 2006 Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the National Telecommunications Commission

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Commission under existing laws, the Commission hereby adopts and promulgates the following rules governing pleading, practice, and procedure before it:

PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

RULE 1

TITLE, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEFINITION

Section 1. Title. – These rules shall be known and cited as the National Telecommunications Commission's 2006 Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Section 2. Scope. – These rules govern pleadings, practice, and procedure before the National Telecommunications Commission in all matters of hearing, investigation and proceedings within the jurisdiction of the Commission. However, in the broader interest of justice and in order to best serve the public interest, the Commission may, in any particular matter, exempt the application of these rules and apply such procedure to improve the service in the transaction of the public business, as well as in the disposition of cases filed before it.

Section 3. Rule on Construction. – These rules shall be liberally construed in the pursuit of state policy to protect and promote public interest in a suitable manner and to assist the parties in obtaining just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every case before the Commission.

Section 4. Suppletory Application of the Rules of Court and Jurisprudence. – In the absence of any applicable provision of these rules, and in order to effectuate the objectives of Sections 14 to 16 of Executive Order No. 546, the pertinent provisions of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines and prevailing jurisprudence may, in the interest of expeditious disposition of cases pending before the Commission and whenever practicable and convenient, be applied by analogy or in a suppletory character and effect.

Section 5. Rules on Electronic Evidence. - Unless specifically provided under these Rules, the rules on admissibility of electronic evidence shall be applicable.