**Section 290.10 Overview of Electronic Tariff Filing**

One of the stated purposes of the Electronic Commerce Security Act is *to facilitate electronic filing of documents with State and local government agencies, and promote efficient delivery of government services by means of reliable electronic records* [5 ILCS 175/1-105(3)]. The Electronic Commerce Security Act authorizes State agencies to send and receive electronic records and electronic signatures. In addition, the Commission has the authority over its process and proceedings pursuant to Section 10-101 of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5]. To that end, the Commission is committed to facilitating the filing, distributing and accessing of tariffs electronically through its Electronic Tariff Filing System. Any public utility subject to the provisions of this Part may elect to submit a tariff and all associated documents for filing in an electronic format instead of in hard copy format. However, nothing in this Part should be construed to require any public utility to submit any tariff for filing in an electronic format.