

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-336

May 1, 2000

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Amendment to Uniform Information
Disclosure Rule (Chapter 306)

ORDER ADOPTING
RULE AND STATEMENT
OF POLICY BASIS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

In this Order, we adopt an amendment to the uniform information disclosure provisions of Chapter 306 as directed by the Legislature.

On April 10, 2000, the Governor signed into law P.L. 1999, ch. 657. Section 18 of the law makes certain consumer protections applicable to residential and small commercial customers. Section 28 of the law directs the Commission to amend Section 2(A)(3) of Chapter 306 to bring it into conformity with the changes to law.

The amendment required by P.L. 1999, ch. 657, § 28 has been made to the Rule.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the attached Chapter 306, Uniform Information Disclosure and Informational Filing Requirements is hereby adopted; and
2. That the Administrative Director shall file the adopted rule and related materials with the Secretary of State; and
3. That the Administrative Director shall send copies of this Order and attached rule to:
 - A. All electric utilities in the State;
 - B. All persons who have filed with the Commission within the past year a written request for notices of rulemakings;
 - C. All persons who have filed comments in Docket No. 98-708; and
 - D. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council (20 copies).

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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