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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

2015-2016 Regulatory Agenda

October 2015 – September 2016

**65-407: Public Utilities Commission (General)**

**65-625: Emergency Services Communication Bureau**

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **65-407**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Public Utilities Commission (General)**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**CONSENSUS – BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:** At this time, the Commission does not anticipate engaging in the consensus – based rule development process described in 5 M.R.S. §8051-B during 2014-2015.

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**Chapter 2XX:** Reassignment of Provider of Last Resort Service

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §7221

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to implement P.L. 2011, ch. 623

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Entities designated as providers of last resort service and their customers

**Chapter 2XX:** Consumer Protection Standards for Provider of Last Resort Service

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §7223

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to implement P.L. 2011, ch. 623

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Entities designated as providers of last resort service and their customers

**Chapter 285:** Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §7104-B

PURPOSE: To adopt amendments to make rule consistent with P.L. 2011, ch. 600

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telecommunications carriers and their customers

**Chapter 288:** Maine Universal Service Fund

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §7104

PURPOSE: To adopt amendments to make rule consistent with P.L. 2011, ch. 600

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telecommunications carriers and their customers

**Chapter 301:** Standard Offer Service

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §3212

PURPOSE: To update the rule's credit and collection provisions

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Standard Offer Providers and T&D Utilities

**Chapter 322:** Metering, Billing, Collections and Enrollment Interactions Among Transmissions and Distribution Utilities and Competitive Electricity Providers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §3203

PURPOSE: To update the rule's credit and collection provisions

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities and CEPs

**CHAPTER 396:** Efficiency Maine Trust Procurement Funding Cap

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: P.L. 2015, ch. 255; 35-A M.R.S. §10110(4-A)

PURPOSE: Establish the process and requirements by which the Commission will determine the statutory cap of 4% of the total retail electricity and transmission and distribution sales for the procurement of electric energy efficiency resources pursuant to Title 35-A M.R.S. §10110(4-A)

ANTICIPATE SCHEDULE: Winter 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Efficiency Maine Trust, customers of T&D utilities

**Chapter 330:** Filing Requirement for Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity for Electric Transmission Facilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 3131, 3132

PURPOSE: To amend the rule to reflect recent statutory changes in P.L. 2013,

ch. 369 §C-1. C-8

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: T&D Utilities

**CHAPTER 403:** Distribution of Funds to Support Regional Rideshare Programs

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: P.L. 2003 ch. 20

PURPOSE:To repeal outdated rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: None

**CHAPTER 4XX:** Reduction of Methane Leakage

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §4508

PURPOSE: To consider policies that reduce the probability of methane leakage in natural gas pipelines

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: The public and natural gas pipeline utilities

**CHAPTER 430:** Cost of Gas Adjustment for Gas Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 4703, 4706

PURPOSE: To consider amendments to the rule that would allow flexibility in determining the cost of gas adjustment period

ANTICPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural gas utilities and their customers

**Chapter 880:** Attachments to Joint-Use Utility Poles

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §711

PURPOSE: To adopt amendments regarding attachment procedures, complaint procedures, and cost allocations

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter/Spring 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telecommunications carriers, Cable and Broadband providers, Electricity Transmission and Distribution Utilities, and their customers

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**Chapter 2:** Requirements for Enhanced 9-1-1 System Service Provider and Local Exchange Carriers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 25 M.R.S. §2927(3)

PURPOSE: To consider changes to section 8 of the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Local Exchange Carriers

**CHAPTER 4:** Standards for Implementation of Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocols by Public Safety Answering Points

SATUTORY AUTHORITY: PL 2015 Chapter 230 (25 MRSA §2927 sub-§3-C (A) )

PURPOSE: To establish procedures for the required adoption, implementation and administration of Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocols by Public Safety Answering Points

ANTICPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2015/2016

AFFECTED PARITES: Public Safety Answering Points, dispatch only centers, fire departments