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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
2021-2022 Regulatory Agenda
July 2021 – June 2022

65-407: Public Utilities Commission (General)
65-624: Emergency Services Communication Bureau

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **65-407**
AGENCY NAME: **Maine Public Utilities Commission**

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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 2020-2021.

EXPECTED 2021-2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHAPTER 110: Rules of Practice and Procedure
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, PL 2021, Ch. 290
PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule based on statutory changes
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2021
AFFECTED PARTIES: Utilities and participants in proceedings

CHAPTER 25: Coin-Operated Telephone Service
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 301, 307, 704, 1301, 1306-1308, 2101, 2102, 2105, 2110, 7101, 7301, 7503
PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule in light of the substantial changes in the telecommunications industry and telecommunications regulation.
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021
AFFECTED PARTIES: Owners and operators of payphones

CHAPTER 200: Reporting Requirements for Telecommunications Carrier's Service Outages
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. § 7226
PURPOSE: To adopt rules to implement P.L. 2011, ch. 623
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021
AFFECTED PARTIES: Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

CHAPTER 202: Requirements for Audiotext (Pay-Per-Call) Services

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 801-808

PURPOSE: To repeal the rule as the Legislature has repealed the authorizing statutes.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

CHAPTER 210: Uniform System of Accounts-Telephone Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 101, 103, 104, 107, 111, 112, 501, 502, 504, 505

PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule in light of the substantial changes in the telecommunications industry and telecommunications regulation.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

CHAPTER 230: Installation, Maintenance and Ownership of Customer Premises Wire

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 111, 7306

PURPOSE: To examine whether this rule should be amended or repealed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

CHAPTER 280: Provision of Competitive Telecommunications Services

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 301, 1301, 2102, 2110, 7101-B, 7104-A, 7303

PURPOSE: To amend the rule to comport with recent legislative changes to telecommunications regulation in Maine.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers

CHAPTER 289: Requirements and Terms for Bundled Services Offered by Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 704, 7302

PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule in light of the changes in the telecommunications industry and telecommunications regulation.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

CHAPTER 293: Abandonment of Service and Authority to Provide Service and Transfer of Customers by Competitive Telecommunications Carriers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 1105, 7106

PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule in light of the changes in the telecommunications industry and telecommunications regulation.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

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 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Standard Offer Providers and Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 305: Licensing Requirements, Annual Reporting, Enforcement and Consumer Protection Provisions For Competitive Provision Of Electricity

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111 and 3203

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Competitive Electricity Providers.

CHAPTER 311: Renewable Resource Portfolio Requirement

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 3210

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Generator Developers and Competitive Electricity Providers.

CHAPTER 313: Net Energy Billing

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 3209-A, 3209-B

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Small Generator Developers and Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 317: Statewide Arrearage Management Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 3214, 10110

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 319: Criteria To Exclude Small Transmission Projects and Distribution Projects From Investigation By The Nonwires Alternative Coordinator

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, P.L. 2019 ch. 298

PURPOSE: To amend rules to implement enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities, Nonwires Alternative Coordinator, and Efficiency Maine Trust

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

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 3203

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

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities and Competitive Electricity Providers

CHAPTER 324: Small Generator Interconnection Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 3482, 3474

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Small Generator Developers and Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 420: Safety Standards For Natural Gas And Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Operators

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 4508, 4515, 4516-A, and 4705-A

PURPOSE: To consider amendments to update the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural Gas Utilities

CHAPTER 430: Cost of Gas Adjustment for Gas Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 4703, 4706

PURPOSE: To consider amendments to update the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Operators.

CHAPTER 62: Service Standards for Water Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111

PURPOSE: To update rule concerning water conservation and required meter testing frequencies

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water Utilities

CHAPTER 63: Major Construction Projects of Water Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 6102

PURPOSE: To update rule frequencies

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water Utilities

CHAPTER 65: Water Main Extension and Service Line Rule

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111

PURPOSE: To update rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water Utilities

CHAPTER 660: Consumer Protection Standards For Water Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 704, 716, 1308

PURPOSE: To update rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water utilities

CHAPTER 815: Consumer Protection Standards For Electric And Gas Transmission and Distribution Utilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 717

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation and other updates

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and distribution utilities and gas utilities

CHAPTER 870: Late Payment Charges, Interest To Be Paid On Customer Deposits, And Charges For Returned Checks
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 301, 304, and 705(3)
PURPOSE: To update rule
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2021
AFFECTED PARTIES: Public utilities

CHAPTER 880: Attachments to Joint-Use Utility Poles; Determination and Allocation of Costs; Procedure
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 111, 301, 711, 7903, 8302; PL 2019 c. 128
PURPOSE: To implement "One Touch Make Ready" procedures and abandoned utility pole requirements
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2021
AFFECTED PARTIES: Telecommunications providers and Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **65-625**
AGENCY NAME: Maine Public Utilities Commission, **Emergency Services Communication Bureau**

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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA: None

EXPECTED 2021-2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY: None

ENERGY PROGRAMS: Formerly 19-530 Department of Economic and Community Development, Energy Conservation Division

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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA: None

EXPECTED 2021-2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHAPTER 400: Energy Efficiency Standards for Subsidized Multi-Family Residences
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Moved to 65-407, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:
July 1, 2003 - PL 2003 c.20
PURPOSE: Update rule based on recent legislation PL 2019 c. 306
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: Subsidized Housing Developers



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Re: Maine Public Utilities Commission's 2021-2022 Regulatory Agenda

Dear Mr. Wismer:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §§ 8053-A and 8064, I am providing you with a copy of the Public Utilities Commission's Regulatory Agenda for 2021-2022. I have also notified the Legislative Council.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed document, please feel free to call me at 287-1391.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Tannenbaum

Mitchell Tannenbaum
General Counsel

Enclosure

Wismer, Don

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Hi Don,

Attached is the cover letter and 2021-2022 Regulatory Agenda for the Public Utilities Commission. Hard copy to follow. Don't hesitate to contact me or Mitch Tannenbaum with any questions or concerns you may have.

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