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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
2020-2021 Regulatory Agenda
June 2020 – May 2021

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:

CHAPTER 319: Non-Wire Alternatives
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: P.L. 2019 ch. 298
PURPOSE: To adopt rules to implement recently enacted legislation
AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities
EFFECTIVE: April 15, 2020 (filing 2020-096 – EMERGENCY).

CHAPTER 324: Small Generator Interconnection Procedures
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §3482
PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation
AFFECTED PARTIES: Small Generator Developers and Transmission and Distribution Utilities
EFFECTIVE: December 11, 2019 (filing 2019-230-EMERGENCY)

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 2020-2021 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

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: Fall 2020
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: Fall 2020

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PURPOSE: To repeal the rule as the Legislature has repealed the authorizing statutes.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: Fall 2020

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: Fall 2020

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: Fall 2020

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: Fall 2020

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: Fall 2020

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: Fall 2020

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 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Standard Offer Providers and Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 311: Renewable Resource Portfolio Requirement

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

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Generator Developers and Competitive Electricity Providers.

CHAPTER 319: Non-Wire Alternatives

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: P.L. 2019 ch. 298

PURPOSE: To implement rules to implement recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution 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: Winter 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities and Competitive Electricity Providers

CHAPTER 430: Cost of Gas Adjustment for Gas Utilities

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

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

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural Gas Utilities

CHAPTER 440: Gas Utility Meter Performance, Accuracy, Testing, and Related Standards

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

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

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural Gas Utilities

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: Fall 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water Utilities

CHAPTER 63: Major Construction Projects of Water Utilities

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

PURPOSE: To update rule frequencies

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2020

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: Fall 2020

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water 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: Winter 2020/2021

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 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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: Summer 2020
AFFECTED PARTIES: Subsidized Housing Developers