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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
2018-2019 Regulatory Agenda
October 2018 – September 2019

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 2017-2018.

EXPECTED 2018-2019 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 over the past 30 years.
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2018
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 2019
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PURPOSE: To repeal the rule as the Legislature has repealed the authorizing statutes.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: Spring 2019
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 over the past 30 years.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019

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PURPOSE: To examine whether this rule should be amended or repealed.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: Spring 2019

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: Spring 2019

AFFECTED PARTIES: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers

CHAPTER 284: Prepaid Wireless Fee

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 7104, 7104-B

PURPOSE: To amend the rule to comport with recent legislative changes to the collection of telecommunications regulatory fees.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pre-Paid Wireless Telecommunications Providers

CHAPTER 288: Maine Universal Service Fund

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 7104

PURPOSE: To amend the rule to comport with recent legislative changes to the collection of telecommunications regulatory fees.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019

AFFECTED PARTIES: All Maine Telecommunications Providers

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 over the past 10 years.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019

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 over the past 15 years.
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019
AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

CHAPTER 32: Electric Utilities Service Standards
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: P.L. 2017 ch.448, 35-A M.R.S. § 111
PURPOSE: To update meter and billing system testing requirements
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2018
AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and distribution 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: Summer 2019
AFFECTED PARTIES: Standard Offer Providers and 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: Summer 2019
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, Resolves 2007, ch. 183
PURPOSE: To update requirements
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019
AFFECTED PARTIES: Small generator developers and transmission and distribution utilities

CHAPTER 395: Construction Standards, Ownership, Cost Allocation, and Customer Charges Rules for Electric Distribution Line Extensions
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111
PURPOSE: To add requirements for service drops
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2018
AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and distribution utilities and their customers

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
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2019
AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural gas utilities and their customers

CHAPTER 520: Tour, Charter and Water Taxi Services and Unscheduled Freight Services in Casco Bay

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 5101-D, 5101-E

PURPOSE: To update the rule to reflect the Commission's electronic case management system and promote efficiency in the review of applications to provide regulated services, and to amend the rule to allow employer-provided charter services to employees.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019

AFFECTED PARTIES: Tour, Charter, Water Taxi, Unscheduled Freight, and Ferry services in Casco Bay

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 2019

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 2019

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 2019

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water Utilities

CHAPTER 880: Attachments to Joint-Use Utility Poles

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 711, 2301, and 2501. P.L. 2017, ch. 199.

PURPOSE: To adopt amendments regarding attachment procedures, including presumptively reasonable and unreasonable terms and conditions, approval criteria for new attaching entities, and resolution of pole attachment disputes.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2019

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

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EXPECTED 2018-2019 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

Chapter 4: Dispatch Center Consolidation Grant Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, P.L. 2017, ch. 428

PURPOSE: To implement a grant program for dispatch center consolidation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Dispatch centers