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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

2017-2018 Regulatory Agenda

November 2017 – October 2018

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

**65-625: 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 2016-2017.

**EXPECTED 2017-2018 RULEMAKING 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: Summer 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Owners and operators of payphones

**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PURPOSE: To repeal the rule as the Legislature has repealed the authorizing statutes.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: Summer 2018

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: Summer 2018

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PURPOSE: To examine whether this rule should be amended or repealed.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: Summer 2018

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: Summer 2018

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: Summer 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pre-Paid Wireless Telecommunications Providers

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

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

PURPOSE: To conform the rule to current Maine law

ANTICPATED SCHEDULE: winter 2017

AFFECTED PARTIES: telecommunications carriers, schools and libraries

**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: Summer 2018

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: Summer 2018

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: Summer 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

**CHAPTER 305:** Licensing Requirements, Annual Reporting, Enforcement and Consumer Protection Provisions for Competitive Provision of Electricity

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §3203(4-B) & (4-C)

PURPOSE: To amend the rule to implement legislative addition of new customer protections.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and distribution utilities and competitive electricity providers

**CHAPTER 308:** Standards of Conduct for Transmission and Distribution Utilities and Affiliated Generators

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §3204(11)

PURPOSE: To adopt standards of conduct to govern transmission and distribution utility interactions with generation affiliates.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2017

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and distribution utilities and corporate affiliates

**CHAPTER 311:** Renewable Resource Portfolio Requirement

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 104, 111, 1301, 3203(9), 3210, 3210-B; Resolves 1999, ch. 47; P.L. 1999, ch. 398, Sec. I-4; Resolves 2003, ch. 22; P.L. 2017, ch. 291.

PURPOSE: To amend for consistency with recent legislation and to clarify that the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator may use the North American Registry to track renewable energy credits.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2017

AFFECTED PARTIES: Competitive Electricity Providers, Standard Offer Provider, Renewable Energy Generators, Northern Maine Independent System Administrator

**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 2017

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 add definitions, determine cost responsibility and update procedures

ANTICPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2018

AFFECTED PARTIES: Small generator developers and transmission and distribution utilities

**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 2018

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

**CHAPTER 660:** Consumer Protection Standards for Water Utilities

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

PURPOSE: To consider provisions concerning disconnection notification requirements for residential premises that are leased or rented

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2017

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| AFFECTED PARTIES: Water Utilities, landlords, tenants |

**CHAPTER 815:** Consumer Protection Standards for Electric and Gas

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

PURPOSE: To amend provisions concerning customer deposits and add provisions regarding notification requirements for residential premises that are leased or rented

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2017

AFFECTED PARTIES: Electric and gas utilities, landlords, tenants

**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: Winter 2017

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

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**EXPECTED 2017-201 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:** None