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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
2022-2023 Regulatory Agenda
July 2022 – June 2023

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 2022-2023 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHAPTER 110: Rules of Practice and Procedure
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111
PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule based on statutory changes and operational need
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022/Spring 2023
AFFECTED PARTIES: Utilities and participants in proceedings

CHAPTER 120: Filing Requirements for Schedules of Rates, Terms and Conditions
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 101, 103, 104, 107, 111, 112, 301, 304-311, 1301, 1304-1306, 1321, 1702, 1708, 3502, 6104
PURPOSE: To reexamine this rule based on statutory changes and operational need
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022/Spring 2023
AFFECTED PARTIES: Utilities and participants in proceedings

CHAPTER 140: Utility Service Area and Infrastructure Maps
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 112, 301, 307, 1311-A, 1311-B, 2012-2015, 2110
PURPOSE: Update the rule to reflect regulatory and operational need
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall/Winter 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: Regulated utilities

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: Pending completion of inquiry, to repeal this rule based on changes to the industry

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall/winter 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: Owners and operators of payphones

CHAPTER 200: Reporting Requirements for Telecommunications Carrier's Service Outages

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 7226
PURPOSE: To update the rule
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022
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PURPOSE: To repeal the rule as the Legislature has repealed the authorizing statutes.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 2022
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 2022
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 2022
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 2022
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 2022
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 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Telephone Utilities

CHAPTER 301: Standard Offer Service

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

PURPOSE: To update the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2023

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, 3203

PURPOSE: To conform rule to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Summer 2023

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 2022

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: Fall/Winter 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Small Generator Developers and Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 314: Statewide Low-Income Assistance Plan

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 704, 1308, 3214

PURPOSE: To conform to recent legislation as well as sources of funding that become available due to federal and state relief programs

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities and their customers

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 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities

CHAPTER 320: Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 2305-A, 3104-A, 3106, P.L. 2021, Ch. 702

PURPOSE: To conform to recently enacted legislation

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities and their customers

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

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 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Small Generator Developers and Transmission and Distribution 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: Winter 2022/Spring 2023

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Operators

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 consider amendments to update the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2023

AFFECTED PARTIES: Tour, charter and water taxi services and their customers

CHAPTER 63: Major Construction Projects of Water Utilities

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

PURPOSE: To update rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022

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 2022

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/Spring 2023

AFFECTED PARTIES: Water utilities

CHAPTER 85: Regulatory Proceeding Expenses

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

PURPOSE: To update the rule
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: Public 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 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and distribution utilities and gas utilities

CHAPTER 840: Intervenor Funding

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. § 101, 111, 705, 1310, 3101, P.L. 2021, Ch. 376
PURPOSE: To conform to recently enacted legislation
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: All utilities and their customers

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, 705(3)
PURPOSE: To update rule
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022
AFFECTED PARTIES: Public utilities and their customers

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, abandoned utility pole requirements, and centralize pole database
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2022
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 2022-2023 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

CHAPTER 1: Standards for Establishing a Statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 System

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 25 M.R.S. § 2926(3); 35-A M.R.S. §§ 103(2)(D), 111
PURPOSE: To update the rule
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2023

AFFECTED PARTIES: Public Safety and Emergency Services providers and communications providers

CHAPTER 2: Requirements for the Enhanced 9-1-1 System Service Provider and Local Exchange Carriers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 25 A M.R.S. §§ 2926, 2927 2933, 35-A M.R.S. §§ 103(2)(D)

PURPOSE: To update the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2023

AFFECTED PARTIES: 9-1-1 System Service Providers and Telecommunications Local Exchange Carriers

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 2022-2023 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 ch.20

PURPOSE: Consider updates to rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2022/Spring 2023

AFFECTED PARTIES: Subsidized Housing Developers