

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A, sub-§5

Agency name: Public Utilities Commission
Umbrella-Unit: 65-407
Statutory authority: 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 1301, 3203(9), 3209-A, 3210
Chapter number/title: Ch. 313, Customer Net Energy Billing
Filing number: 2017-051
Effective date: 3/29/2017
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to the net energy billing rule (Chapter 313). Specifically, the Commission amends the rule to reduce over time the amount of a generation facility's output that can offset, or be netted against, the transmission and distribution (T&D) utility portion of a customer's bill. Netting regarding the supply portion of the customer bill remains unchanged. Under the amended rule, the phase down will apply to facility installations on or after January 1, 2018, and existing net energy billing customers will be grandfathered for a fifteen year period.

Basis statement / summary:

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2016-00222, issued March 1, 2017; Commission's Order Adopting Final Rule, Docket No. 2011-398, issued on 1/11/12; Commission's Order Adopting Final Rule, Docket No. 2008-410, issued on June 9, 2009; Commission's Statement of Factual and Policy Basis and Order Adopting Rule, Commission Docket No. 98-621, issued on December 10, 1998; and Order Adopting Provisional Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Commission Docket No. 2008-410, issued on January 8, 2009. Copies of this Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 101 Second Street, Hallowell Maine 04347, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

Fiscal impact of rule:

Minimal.

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Umbrella-Unit: **65-407**
Statutory authority: 35-A MRS §§ 101, 111, 7221; Resolves 2017 ch. 4
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 220**, Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation
Filing number: **2017-085**
Effective date: 7/6/2017
Type of rule: Major Substantive
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Public Utilities Commission finally adopts Ch. 220, *Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation*, pursuant to recently enacted legislation, Resolves 2017 ch. 4.

Basis statement / summary:

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Provisionally Adopting Rule and Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2016-00235, issued on December 14, 2016. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

Fiscal impact of rule:

No fiscal impact.

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Agency name: **Public Utilities Commission**
Umbrella-Unit: **65-407**
Statutory authority: 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 704, 1308, 3214
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 314**, Statewide Low-Income Assistance Plan
Filing number: **2017-110**
Effective date: 7/25/2017
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to Ch. 314 of the Commission's rules regarding the statewide electricity Low Income Assistance Plan.

Basis statement / summary:

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Amending Rule and Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2016-00256, issued on July 14, 2017. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

Fiscal impact of rule:

None

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Agency name: Public Utilities Commission, **Emergency Services
Communications Bureau**
Umbrella-Unit: **65-625**
Statutory authority: 25 MRS §§ 2926, 2927, 2933; 35-A MRS §§ 103(2)(D), 111
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 2**, Requirements for the Enhanced 9-1-1 System Service
Provider and Local Exchange Carriers
Filing number: **2017-122**
Effective date: 8/13/2017
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to Ch. 2 of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau's Rules pertaining to requirements for Local Exchange Carriers regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 and the Enhanced 9-1-1 System Service Provider.

Basis statement / summary:

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Amending Rule and Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2017-00087, issued on July 27, 2017. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

Fiscal impact of rule:

No fiscal impact.