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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

2016-2017 Regulatory Agenda

October 2016 – September 2017

*(with September 22 and December 7, 2016 amendments)*

**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 2016-2017.

**EXPECTED 2016-2017 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**Chapter 201:** Provider of Last Resort Service Quality

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 7225, 7225-A

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to implement P.L. 2015, ch. 462

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Entities designated as providers of last resort service and their customers.

*Amendment of December 7, 2016*

**Chapter 220:** Removal of Provider of Last Resort Service Obligation

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 101, 111, 7221

PURPOSE: To promulgate rule pursuant to P.L. 2015 ch. 462

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Prior to January 1, 2017

AFFECTED PARTIES: Price Cap ILECs and their customers

**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: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Standard Offer Providers and T&D Utilities

*Amendment of September 22, 2016*

**CHAPTER 313:** Customer Net Energy Billing

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111, 3209-A, 3210

PURPOSE: To update rule provision

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities, Standard Offer Providers, and their customers

*Amendment of December 7, 2016*

**CHAPTER 314:** Statewide Low-Income Assistance Plan

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

PURPOSE: To update the statewide low income assistance plan

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2017

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. §3203

PURPOSE: To update the rule's credit and collection provisions

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Transmission and Distribution Utilities and CEPs

*Amendment of December 7, 2016*

**CHAPTER 324:** Small Generator Interconnection Procedures

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 104, 111; Resolves 2007 ch. 183

PURPOSE: To add definitions and update procedures

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Spring 2017

AFFECTED PARTIES: Small generator developers and transmission and distribution utilities

**Chapter 330:** Filing Requirement for Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity for Electric Transmission Facilities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §§ 3131, 3132

PURPOSE: To amend the rule to reflect recent statutory changes in P.L. 2013, ch. 369 §C-1, §C-8

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: T&D Utilities

**CHAPTER 4XX:** Reduction of Methane Leakage

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §4508

PURPOSE: To consider policies that reduce the probability of methane leakage in natural gas pipelines

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: The public and natural gas pipeline utilities

**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

ANTICPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Natural gas utilities and their customers

**Chapter 880:** Attachments to Joint-Use Utility Poles

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 35-A M.R.S. §711

PURPOSE: To adopt amendments regarding attachment procedures, complaint procedures, and cost allocations

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Fall 2016

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

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 2016-2017 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**Chapter 2:** Requirements for Enhanced 9-1-1 System Service Provider and Local Exchange Carriers

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 25 M.R.S. §2927(3)

PURPOSE: To consider changes to section 8 of the rule

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Winter 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Local Exchange Carriers