

Public Utilities Commission
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in Room 413, 4th Floor, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on May 6, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., to consider the adoption of proposed rules numbered:

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The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is proposing to establish rules regarding the interconnection of small generator facilities to the electric systems of public utilities. A small generator facility is a facility designed for the production of electrical energy that has an electric nameplate capacity of ten megawatts or less. The effect of the proposed rules is to establish uniform procedures, standards, requirements, costs, and responsibilities for a small generator facility to interconnect with a public utility's electric systems. Under the proposed rules, a person who wants to interconnect a small generator facility submits an application to the public utility. The rules set forth the procedures and standards under which an application is considered and accepted or rejected. The rules provide for four different types or tiers of interconnection procedures and standards depending on the size and other characteristics of the small generator facility. The interconnection rules reference uniform technical engineering standards for interconnection. The rules address safety considerations, the types of studies that may be required, disconnection procedures, and dispute resolution procedures.

The reason for the rules is to make it easier for small generator facilities to know what the requirements are for interconnection. The rules are also designed to make the interconnection process more transparent and streamlined. Time frames for responding to applications are included and requirements for interconnection are set forth in detail.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities Commission by May 18, 2009, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3201.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

The proposed rules may also be found on the Public Utilities Commission's home page at the following address:

<http://puc.sd.gov/dockets/rulemaking/2008/rm08-002.aspx>