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Mary Vance

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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 March 24, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., CDT, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered

- 20:10:01:41, 20:10:01:41.1, 20:10:13:17, 20:10:13:19, 20:10:21:04, 20:10:21:22, 20:10:22:01, 20:10:22:05, 20:10:22:33.01, 20:10:22:33.02, 20:10:32:54, 20:10:35:08, 20:10:37:10, 20:10:37:17, 20:10:37:18, 20:10:37:19, 20:10:39:07, 20:10:39:08.

The effect of the rules will be to improve and update existing rule language pertaining to confidentiality, rate filing, energy facility plans, siting rules, local exchange competition, telecommunication services, pipeline safety, and stray voltage.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to address areas that have been identified by the Commission as unclear, outdated, or otherwise in need of cleanup. 20:10:01:41 and 20:10:01:42 bifurcate requests for confidentiality into requests from submitting parties and non-submitting parties. 20:10:13:17 identifies how notice is provided to small qualifying facilities when there is a change in rates. 20:10:13:19 directs how and when rate changes are given to customers. 20:10:21:04 specifies that required energy conversion information is from those utilities that are owned or operated to serve South Dakota load and adds decommissioning plans to the required information. 20:10:22:01 adds solar energy site as a definition. 20:10:22:05 adds solar energy to the list of applications. 20:10:22:33.01 includes solar energy in decommissioning planning. 20:10:22:33.02 describes the content required for solar energy applications. 20:10:32:54 removes two outdated requirements from telecommunications annual certification filing. 20:10:35:08 removes language reflecting a telephone solicitor fee statute that was previously repealed. 20:10:21:22 reduces unnecessary paperwork and transitions to electronic filing. 20:10:37:10, 20:10:37:17, 20:10:37:18, and 20:10:37:19 update pipeline safety to reflect current federal law. 20:10:39:07 and 20:10:39:08 replaces 48 hours of stray voltage professionals training to 40 hours.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing, emailing puc@state.sd.us, or by sending them to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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 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 by mail: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070; email: puc@state.sd.us; or website: puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Rulemaking/2019/rm19-001.aspx

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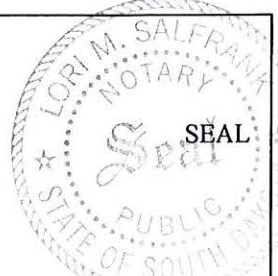
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My commission expires March 20, 2025.