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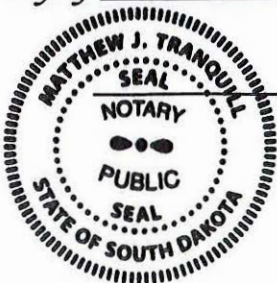
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Sheri Sponder being first duly sworn, upon his/her oath says: That he/she is now and was at all time hereinafter mentioned, an employee of the RAPID CITY JOURNAL, a corporation of Rapid City, South Dakota, the owner and publisher of the RAPID CITY JOURNAL, a legal and daily newspaper printed and published in Rapid City, in said County of Pennington, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated as follows: that said newspaper is and at all of the times herein mentioned has been a legal and daily newspaper with a bonafide paid circulation of at least Two Hundred copies daily, and has been printed and published in the English language, at and within an office maintained by the owner and publisher thereof, at Rapid City, in said Pennington County, and has been admitted to the United States mail under the second class mailing privilege for at least one year prior to the publication herein mentioned; that the advertisement, a printed copy of which, taken from said Rapid City Journal, the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said paper once each day for one successive day, the first publication there of being on the 27th day of Feb 2021 that the fees charged for the publication there of are 424 dollars and 62 cents.

Sheri Sponder

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 2021.



Matthew J. Tranquill

Notary public

December 5, 2025

My commission expires

**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](mailto: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](mailto:puc@state.sd.us); or website: [puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Rulemaking/2019/rm19-001.aspx](http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Rulemaking/2019/rm19-001.aspx).

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