

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in Room 413 of the State Capitol Building, 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, on July 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., CT, to consider the amendment of the proposed rules 20:10:01:02.01, 20:10:01:02.05, 20:10:01:32, 20:10:22:05, 20:10:22:40, 20:10:22:41, 20:10:32:03, 20:10:32:12, 20:10:32:21, 20:10:32:42, 20:10:32:43, 20:10:32:43.02, 20:10:32:43.05, 20:10:32:43.06, 20:10:32:43.07, 20:10:32:53, 20:10:32:54, 20:10:32:55, 20:10:33:21, 20:10:33:27, and 20:10:37:01.

The reason for adoption of the proposed rules is proposing to clarify procedures for filing and communications with the Commission; update information required when filing an application for an energy transmission facility permit; align party status requirements with previous statutory changes; update telecommunications provisions to align with current needs, technology, and federal regulations; repeal unnecessary telecommunications filing requirements; and to update a pipeline safety definition to align with current federal regulations.

The effect of the rules will be clarification of filing requirements; alignment of rules with corresponding statutes; removal of unnecessary filing burdens for telecommunications companies; updated telecommunications rules that more closely reflect telecommunications technology; greater emphasis on the importance of compliance with One Call Notification; and remaining current with federal regulations concerning pipeline safety.

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person or telephonically at the hearing, or mail to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 or by e-mail to PUC@state.sd.us. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by the Commission is July 29, 2025.

After the hearing, the Public Utilities Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Public Utilities 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 Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

The rules may also be found at the Public Utilities Commission's website at the following address: <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Rulemaking/2025/RM25-001.aspx>.

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