

Notice Number 2016-162Rule Number Puc 800

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2. RSA Authority: RSA 374:50; 365:8, XII  
3. Federal Authority: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Type of Action:  
Adoption \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment \_\_\_\_\_  
Repeal \_\_\_\_\_  
Readoption \_\_\_\_\_  
Readoption w/amendment X

5. Short Title: Puc 800 – Underground Utility Damage Prevention Program

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

The Commission intends to readopt with amendments its Puc 800 rules. Puc 800 sets forth the procedures and standards to be used by the Commission in implementing the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Program, otherwise known as "Dig Safe," which protects the public, operators, and excavators from physical harm, property damages, and interrupted service resulting from damage to underground facilities. These rules also establish procedures and requirements relative to: minimum requirements for the operation of the system, including notification procedures; the investigation of complaints including enforcement; emergency situations for which notice of excavation is not required; and minimum standards of marking the tolerance zone. The existing rules are scheduled to expire on November 8, 2016, but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

Amendments to the existing rules include minor word changes and updates throughout; adding, clarifying and modifying terms in the definition section; updating location-specific information requirements; updating telephone information; updating reporting requirements and timeframes for reporting; updating notification requirements; and adding excavator specific instructions.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

These rules affect persons or entities performing excavation activities and those who own underground utility facilities. This also includes persons or entities that perform excavations on private property, public ways, rights-of-way, easements, public streets, or any other public place.

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6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Statute
Puc 801.01	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55,VII
Puc 801.02	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.01	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,VIII
Puc 802.02	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,I
Puc 802.03	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.04	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.05	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,III
Puc 802.06	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,IV
Puc 802.07	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.08	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.09	RSA 374:50; RSA 288:1; RSA 288:2
Puc 802.10	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.11	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.12	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,IV-a; RSA 362:2, II; RSA 362:7, III(e)
Puc 802.13	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,V
Puc 802.14	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:51,IV
Puc 802.15	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,I
Puc 802.16	RSA 374:50
Puc 802.17	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:48,VII
Puc 803.01	RSA 374:50, I; RSA 374:49, RSA 374:52
Puc 803.02	RSA 374:50,I
Puc 804.01	RSA 374:50
Puc 804.02	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:49; RSA 374:52
Puc 804.03	RSA 374:50
Puc 805.01	RSA 374:50, I; RSA 374:51
Puc 805.02	RSA 374:50
Puc 805.03	RSA 374:50; III; RSA 374:51,I
Puc 805.04	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:51,VII
Puc 805.05	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:54
Puc 806.01	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:53
Puc 806.02	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:53
Puc 806.03	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:53
Puc 806.04	RSA 374:50,III
Puc 806.05	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:53
Puc 807.01	RSA 374:50,II
Puc 807.02	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55,VII
Puc 807.03	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55
Puc 807.04	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55,VII
Puc 807.05	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55
Puc 807.06	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55,VII
Puc 807.07	RSA 374:50; RSA 374:55

