

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DRM 24-039**

**RULEMAKING**

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc ch. 400  
Rules for Telephone Utilities**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

The Commission hereby provides notice of its intent to readopt with amendment N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc ch. 400, Rules for Telephone Utilities to reflect the division of telephone regulatory responsibilities between the Commission and the Department of Energy (Department), which was created under RSA 12-P:2, I, after consultation between the two agencies. The Department is concurrently proposing to adopt its own rules related to telephone utilities Chapter En 400. Taken together, the Commission's proposed rules and the Department's proposed Chapter En 400 rules maintain the existing extent and scope of state regulation of telephone utilities service as is currently reflected in Puc 400.

Proposed amendments include the deletion of existing rules governing registration, accident notification, payphone service, other reporting, and enforcement procedures, which the Department is proposing to adopt as rules in En 400. Proposed amendments also include edits, updates, clarifying changes, and cross references to the Department's proposed rule set. The Puc 400 rules were scheduled to expire 03-12-2024 but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541- A:14-a.

Notice of Rulemaking (Notice), as required by RSA 541-A:6, was published in New Hampshire's Rulemaking Register No. 10, dated March 7, 2024. In addition, a copy of the Notice has been sent to all persons who have made a timely request for advance notice of Commission rulemaking proceedings, regulated utility companies,


and shall be posted on the Commission's bulletin board and website. Pursuant to Puc 205.05 and RSA 541-A:11, a public hearing, conducted jointly with the Department of Energy, will be held at the Commission on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room A. Written comments will be accepted through Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The Notice as published in New Hampshire's Rulemaking Register and the Commission's initial proposal for rulemaking are posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2024/24-039.html>, or copies may be obtained from the Commission as set forth in the Notice.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that a Public Hearing, pursuant to RSA 541-A:11, to hear comment on the Commission's proposal to readopt with amendment N.H. Code Admin. R. Puc ch. 400 will be held at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire in Hearing Room A, on April 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or by e-mail shall be April 23, 2024, as set forth in the Notice; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, a copy of this Order of Notice shall be posted on the Commission's website and bulletin board within two business days of this order.

So ordered, this eighth day of March, 2024.



Daniel C. Goldner  
Chairman

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