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**Rules Adopted January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**  
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**Agency name:** **Maine Public Utilities Commission**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 704, 705, 716  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 290**, Standards for Billing, Credit and Collection, and Customer Information for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Providing Basic Telephone Service  
**Filing number:** **2020-103**  
**Effective date:** 4/28/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to Ch. 290 of the Commission's rules to implement recently enacted legislation, Public Law 2019 ch. 26.

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2020-00030, issued on April 14, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact.

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**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 1301, 3203(9), 3210, 3210-B; PL 2019 ch. 477  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 311**, Portfolio Requirement  
**Filing number:** **2020-091**  
**Effective date:** 5/7/2020  
**Type of rule:** Major Substantive  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

The Public Utilities Commission finally adopts amendment to Section 4(B) of ch. 311, the PUC portfolio requirement rule, to implement recently enacted legislation (Public Law 2019 ch. 477 – *An Act to Reform Maine’s Renewable Portfolio Standard*).

**Fiscal impact of rule:**  
Minimal.

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ch. 477  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 311**, Portfolio Requirement  
**Filing number:** **2020-245**  
**Effective date:** 12/15/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**  
*(See Basis Statement)*

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2020-00212, issued on November 13, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**  
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**Agency name:** **Maine Public Utilities Commission**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 1301; PL 2019 ch. 298  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 319**, Criteria to Exclude Small Transmission Projects and Distribution Projects from Investigation by the Nonwires Alternative Coordinator  
**Filing number:** **2020-096**  
**Effective date:** 4/15/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** Yes

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts an emergency rule, ch. 319, pursuant to 5 MRS §8054 to implement recently enacted legislation, Public Law 219 ch. 298. Emergency rules may be effective for up to 90 days. Accordingly, the Commission will complete a rulemaking process regarding ch. 319 within that timeframe.

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2020-00085, issued on April 8, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

None.

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**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 1301; PL 2019 ch. 298  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 319**, Criteria to Exclude Small Transmission Projects and Distribution Projects from Investigation by the Nonwires Alternative Coordinator  
**Filing number:** **2020-161**  
**Effective date:** 7/21/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to the Commission's *Criteria to Exclude Small Transmission Projects and Distribution Projects from Investigation by the Nonwires Alternative Coordinator* (ch. 319). This rulemaking proceeding follows the Commission's adoption of an emergency rule on this topic.

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2020-00152, issued on July 9, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

None.

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**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A §§ 104, 111, 2305-A, 3104-A, 3106; PL 2019 ch.104  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 320**, Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards  
**Filing number:** **2020-113**  
**Effective date:** 5/6/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to ch. 320, *Electric Transmission and Distribution Utility Service Standards*. The amendments implement the legislative directives pursuant to Public Law 2019 ch. 104, *An Act to Establish Minimum Service Standards for Electric Utilities* (codified at 35-A MRS §3106).

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this Chapter is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Final Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2019-00258, issued on April 23, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

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**Agency name:** **Maine Public Utilities Commission**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111; PL 2019 ch. 478  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 324**, Small Generator Interconnection Procedures  
**Filing number:** **2020-050**  
**Effective date:** 3/15/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to the Commission's Small Generator Interconnection Procedures Rule (ch. 324). These amendments ensure the timeliness of the small generator interconnection process under ch. 324 as directed by the Legislature pursuant to Public Law 2019 ch. 478.

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Amending Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2020-00004, issued on March 6, 2020. Copies of this Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 101 Second Street, Hallowell, Maine 04347; 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact.

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**Agency name:** **Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC)**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 440**, Gas Utility Meter Performance, Accuracy, Testing, and Related Standards (*New*)  
**Filing number:** **2020-005**  
**Effective date:** 1/11/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts ch. 440, *Gas Utility Meter Performance, Accuracy, Testing and Related Standards*. This rule establishes meter performance, accuracy and testing standards for gas utilities and establishes protocols for converting metered usage to Therms for the purpose of billing customers.

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this Chapter is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule, Docket No. 2019-00138 issued on December 20, 2019. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

Minimal.



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**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 704, 716, 1308  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 660**, Consumer Protection Standards for Water Utilities  
**Filing number:** **2020-104**  
**Effective date:** 4/28/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to Chapter 660 of the Commission's rules to implement recently enacted legislation, Public Law 2019 ch. 26.

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2020-00031, issued on April 14, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

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**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-407**  
**Statutory authority:** 35-A MRS §§ 104, 111, 704, 1308; PL 2019 ch. 26, ch. 81, ch. 88  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 815**, Consumer Protection Standards for Electric and Gas Transmission and Distribution Utilities  
**Filing number:** **2020-028**  
**Effective date:** 2/23/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to ch. 815, *Consumer Protection Standards for Electric and Gas Transmission and Distribution Utilities*. These amendments implement the legislative directives pursuant to Public Law 2019 ch. 26 - *An Act to Improve the Record Keeping of Utilities and the Public Utilities Commission* (codified at 35-A MRS §716); Public Law 2019 ch. 81 - *An Act to Direct Electric Utilities to Provide Comparative Usage Data on Customer Billing Statements* (codified at 35-A MRS §3106); and Public Law 2019 ch. 88 - *An Act to Ensure Accurate Explanations of Electric Bills* (codified at 35-A MRS §3106).

**Basis statement:**

The factual and policy basis for this Chapter is set forth in the Commission's Order Amending Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2019-00186, issued on February 5, 2020. Copies of the Statement and Order have been filed with this rule at the Office of the Secretary of State. Copies may also be obtained from the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0018.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact.

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**Agency name:** Maine Public Utilities Commission (PUC),  
**Emergency Services Communications Bureau**  
**Umbrella-Unit:** **65-624**  
**Statutory authority:** 25 MRS §2927(3-C)(A)  
**Chapter number/title:** **Ch. 5**, Standards for the Implementation and Administration of  
Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocols  
**Filing number:** **2020-061**  
**Effective date:** 3/31/2020  
**Type of rule:** Routine Technical  
**Emergency rule:** No

**Principal reason or purpose for rule:**

The Public Utilities Commission adopts amendments to its emergency fire dispatch protocols as a result of discussions in a stakeholder group convened pursuant to Resolves 2019, c. 24 (MPUC Docket No. 2019-00159).

**Basis statement / Summary:**

The factual and policy basis for this rule is set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Rule and Statement of Factual and Policy Basis, Docket No. 2019-00243, issued on March 18, 2020.

**Fiscal impact of rule:**

No fiscal impact.