RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Title of Rule: Standards for Electric Utilities (815-RICR-30-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 815-RICR-30-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: May 9, 2023 End of Public Comment: June 9, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 39-3-33

39-3-8

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Division has become aware the outage reporting provision in 1.6 paragraph C lists the Commission as the contact. As a matter of practice, these notifications have historically gone to the Division, as has been the case for decades. To effect the change, "Commission" is replaced with "Administrator" in that paragraph. ("Administrator" is defined in 1.2 B. There, is no corresponding definition for "Commission".)

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before June 9, 2023, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed adoption, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlapor duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. This regulation has been reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Reform.

The proposed changes simply clarify existing electrical outage notification procedures for the Division.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.