

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Revision of Rule
25-6.0345, F.A.C., Electric
Safety Standards.

DOCKET NO. 970557-EU
ORDER NO. PSC-97-0705-NOR-EU
ISSUED: June 12, 1997

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, has initiated rulemaking to amend Rule 25-6.0345, Florida Administrative Code, relating to electric safety standards.

The attached Notice of Rulemaking will appear in the June 20, 1997 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly.

If timely requested, a hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Florida Public Service Commission
2:00 p.m., August 12, 1997
Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 152, 4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

Written requests for hearing and written comments or suggestions on the rules must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870, no later than July 11, 1997.

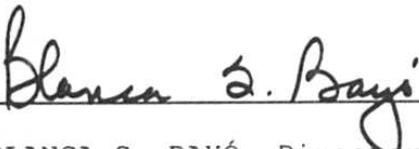
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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12th
day of June, 1997.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records & Reporting

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RULE TITLE: RULE NO.:

Safety Standards for Connection of 25-6.0345

New Transmission and Distribution
Facilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To meet the requirement of s. 366.04(6),
F.S., to adopt any new edition of the National Electrical Safety
Code. The effect will be to adopt the 1997 edition of the code.

SUMMARY: Requires electric utilities to construct new
transmission and distribution facilities in accordance with the
1997 National Electrical Safety Code.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST:

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the
statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal
for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing
within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(2)(f), (6), F.S.

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE
SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, WITHIN
21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF
THE PROCEEDING.

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HEARING: IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE,
A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 P.M., AUGUST 12, 1997

PLACE: Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade
Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540
Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0862.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULES IS:

25-6.0345 Safety Standards for Construction of New
Transmission and Distribution Facilities.

(1) In compliance with Chapter 366.04(6)(b) F.S., 1991, the
Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the 1997 ~~1993~~
edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2),
published August 1, 1996 ~~August 3, 1992~~, as the applicable safety
standards for transmission and distribution facilities subject to
the Commission's safety jurisdiction. Each public electric
utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric
system shall comply with the standards in these provisions.
Standards contained in the 1997 ~~1993~~ edition shall be applicable
to new construction for which a work order number is assigned on
or after the effective date of this rule.

(2) Each public electric utility, rural electric cooperative

and municipal electric utility shall report all completed electric work orders, whether completed by the utility or one of its contractors, at the end of each quarter of the year. The report shall be filed with the Director of the Commission's Division of Electric and Gas no later than the 30th working day after the last day of the reporting quarter, and shall contain, at a minimum, the following information for each work order:

- (a) work order number/project/job;
- (b) brief title; and
- (c) estimated cost in dollars, rounded to nearest thousand.

(3) The quarterly report shall be filed in standard DBase or compatible format, DOS ASCII text, or hard copy, as follows:

(a) DBase Format

	Field Name	Field Type	Digits
1.	Work orders	Character	20
2.	Brief title	Character	30
3.	Cost	Numeric	8
4.	Location	Character	50
5.	Kv	Numeric	5
6.	Contiguous	Character	1

(b) DOS ASCII Text.

1. Columns shall be the same type and in the same order as listed under Field Names above.

2. A comma (,) shall be placed between data fields.
3. Character data fields shall be placed between quotation marks ("...").
4. Numeric data fields shall be right justified.
5. Blank spaces shall be used to fill the data fields to the indicated number of digits.

(c) Hard Copy.

The following format is preferred, but not required:

Completed Electrical Work Orders

For PSC Inspection

Work Order Number	Brief Title	Estimated Cost	Location	Kv Rating	Contiguous (y/n)

(4) In its quarterly report, each utility shall identify all transmission and distribution facilities subject to the Commission's safety jurisdiction, and shall certify to the Commission that they meet or exceed the applicable standards. Compliance inspections by the Commission shall be made on a random basis or as appropriate.

(5) As soon as practicable, but by the end of the next business day after it learns of the occurrence, each public

utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric utility shall (without admitting liability) report to the Commission any accident occurring in connection with any part of its transmission or distribution facilities which:

(a) Involves death or injury requiring hospitalization of nonutility ~~non-utility~~ persons; or

(b) Is significant from a safety standpoint in the judgment of the utility even though it is not required by (a).

(6) Each public utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric utility shall (without admitting liability) report each accident or malfunction, occurring in connection with any part of its transmission or distribution facilities, to the Commission within 30 days after it learns of the occurrence, provided the accident or malfunction:

(a) Involves damage to the property of others in an amount in excess of \$5000; or

(b) Causes significant damage in the judgment of the utility to the utility's facilities.

(7) Unless requested by the Commission, reports are not required with respect to personal injury, death, or property damage resulting from vehicles striking poles or other utility property.

Specific Authority: 350.127(2), F.S.

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Law Implemented: 366.04(2)(f), (6), F.S.

History: New 8-13-87, Amended 2-15-90, 11-10-93,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: James Ruehl

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSONS WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE

Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED: JUNE 10, 1997

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW:

FEBRUARY 28, 1997

If any person decides to appeal any decision of the Commission with respect to any matter considered at the rulemaking hearing, if held, a record of the hearing is necessary. The appellant must ensure that a verbatim record, including testimony and evidence forming the basis of the appeal is made. The Commission usually makes a verbatim record of rulemaking hearings.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).