

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 25-6.0345, F.A.C., SAFETY
STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
FACILITIES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: February 18, 1997

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-6.0345, Florida Administrative Code, to amend provisions relating to safety standards for construction of new transmission and distribution facilities.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the February 28, 1997, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be held at the following time and place:

Florida Public Service Commission
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 1997
Room 225B - Gunter Building
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

The request must be submitted in writing and received by the Florida Public Service Commission, Christiana T. Moore, Division of Appeals, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, no later than March 21, 1997.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop 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. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

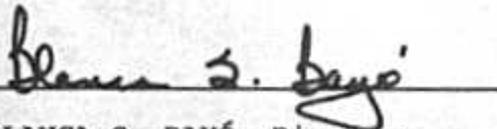
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By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this
18th day of February, 1997.

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BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records & Reporting

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RULE TITLE:

RULE NO.:

Safety Standards for Construction of
New Transmission and Distribution
Facilities

25-6.0345

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

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Safety standards for construction of new transmission and distribution facilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(6) FS.

IF REQUESTED AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE COMMISSION, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., April 9, 1997

PLACE: Room 225B, Gunter Building, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF APPEALS,

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CHRISTIANA T. MOORE, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Jim Ruehl, Division of Electric and Gas, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT 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 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

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for which a work order number is assigned on or after the effective date of this rule.

(2) - (7) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority: 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented: 366.04(6) FS.

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