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RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

25-6.0345: Safety Standards for Construction of New Transmission and Distribution Facilities
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update the rule so that the 2017 Edition of the National Electrical Safety Code is incorporated by reference into the rule.

Docket No. 170034-EU

SUMMARY: The rule requires electric utilities to, at a minimum, comply with the National Electrical Safety Code as the applicable guidelines used by electric utilities for the construction of new transmission and distribution facilities.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2), FS, and concluded that the rule amendment will not have an adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness, or small business. Affected entities should benefit from safer installations due to the revised National Electrical Safety Code guidelines.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(2), (6), FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Pamela H. Page, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850) 413-6214, phpage@psc.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

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

The Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the 2017 ~~2012 edition of the~~ National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) C2-2017 ANSI-C-2-[NESC], as the applicable safety standards for transmission and distribution facilities subject to the Commission's safety jurisdiction. Each investor-owned electric utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric system shall, at a minimum, comply with the standards in these provisions. A copy of the NESC C2-2017 may be obtained from the Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (IEEE), 3 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5997.

Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1) FS. Law Implemented 366.04(2), (6) FS. History—New 8-13-87, Amended 2-18-90, 11-10-93, 8-17-97, 7-16-02, 2-1-07, 12-16-12, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Rick Moses

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: June 5, 2017

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