

**Title 4--DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Division 240--Public Service Commission  
Chapter 18--Safety Standards**

**Proposed Amendment**

**4 CSR 240-18.010 Safety Standards—[Electric]Electrical Corporations, Telecommunications Companies [and Telephone Utilities] and Rural Electric Cooperatives**

*Purpose: This amendment changes the edition of the National Electrical Safety Code that the commission adopts for the minimum safety standards applicable to electrical corporations, telecommunications companies and rural electric cooperatives, and clarifies that the new standards apply only new installations and extensions.*

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes minimum safety standards relating to the operation of electrical **corporations**, [and telephone utilities] **telecommunications companies** and rural electric cooperatives. Adoption of this rule will not only inform [the regulated] **these** utilities[, to which it applies,] of the minimum safety standards required by the commission, but will also be of assistance to the commission staff in carrying out its assigned duties.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The publication of the full text of the material that the adopting agency has incorporated by reference in this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the full text of that material will be made available to any interested person at [both the Office of the Secretary of State and] the **headquarters** [office] of the adopting agency, pursuant to section 536.031.4, RSMo. Such material will be provided at the cost established by state law.

(1) The **minimum safety standards relating to the operation of [electric] electrical corporations, [and telephone utilities] telecommunications companies and rural electric cooperatives** the commission adopts **are** [as its rule and incorporates by reference,] Parts 1, 2 and 3 and Sections 1, 2 and 9 of the, *National Electrical Safety Code* [(NESC)]; Edition [2002] **2007**, as approved by the American National Standards Institute on June [14, 2001] **16, 2006, and as modified by Errata to 2007 Edition National Electrical Safety Code issued October 5, 2006 and May 14, 2007, respectively, which are incorporated by reference in this rule as** [. The NESC is] published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., **3 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016-5997, on August 1, 2006, October 5, 2006 and May 14, 2007, respectively (NESC).** [, as the minimum safety standards relating to the operation of electric and telephone utilities and rural electric cooperatives.] The NESC is composed of four (4) different parts and four (4) sections, each of which pertain to different aspects of the electric and telecommunications industries. Part 1 specifies rules for the installation and maintenance of equipment normally found in electric generating plants and substations. Part 2 pertains to safety rules for overhead electric and communication lines. Part 3 contains safety rules for underground electric and communication lines. Section 1 is an introduction to the NESC, Section 2 defines special terms and Section 9 requires certain grounding methods for electric and communications facilities. **The full text of this rule is available at the Energy Department of the Public Service Commission Suite 700, 200 Madison, Jefferson City, Missouri. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.**

(2) [All electric] **Electrical corporations**, [and telephone utilities] **telecommunications companies** and rural electric cooperatives subject to regulation by this commission pursuant to Chapters 386, 392-394, RSMo shall [be required to adhere to] **comply with** the safety standards established by this rule **for new installations and extensions as described in the NESC**.

(3) Incident reporting requirements for [electric utilities] **electrical corporations** and rural electric cooperatives are found in 4 CSR 240-3.190(4)

*AUTHORITY: sections 386.310 RSMo 2000 [Supp. 1998] and 394.160, RSMo 2000 [1994].\**  
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*\*Original authority: 386.310, RSMo 1939, amended 1979, 1989, 1996 and 394.160, RSMo 1939, amended 1979.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than \$500 in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file comments in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Cully Dale, Secretary of the Commission, PO Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received at the Commission's offices on or before Month/Day/Year, and should include a reference to Commission Case No. EX-2008-####. If comments are submitted via a paper filing, an original and eight (8) copies of the comments are required. Comments may also be submitted via a filing using the Commission's electronic filing and information system at <<http://www.psc.state.mo.us/efis.asp>>. A public hearing regarding this proposed rule is scheduled for Month/Day/Year, at Time in Room ??? of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested persons may appear at this hearing to submit additional comments and/or testimony in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule, and may be asked to respond to commission questions. Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one (1) of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.*