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**AGENCY REPORT TO THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (JCAR)**

**1. Agency Information**

**Agency name:**

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

**Division/Bureau/Office:**

Public Service Commission

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**2. Rule Set Information**

**MOAHR assigned rule set number:**

2021-77 LR

**Title of proposed rule set:**

Technical Standards for Electric Service

**3. Purpose for the proposed rules and background:**

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These rules apply to electric utility service provided by utilities that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. The rules are intended to promote safe and adequate electric service to the public, to provide standards for uniform and reasonable electric practices by utilities, and to encourage efficiency and safety. The word “electric” is being inserted in front of “utility” and the word “cooperative” is being added after “utility” in every rule that is being amended to clarify that these rules apply to electric utilities and cooperatives, only, and not alternative electric suppliers. Several new definitions are being added to R 460.3102 to assist with clarification. R 460.3308 is being updated to reflect the most up-to-date version of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards for electricity meters, and the prices for copies of the ANSI standards need to be updated to reflect current prices. R 460.3309 is being stricken so that it may be moved to the Public Service Commission’s “Consumer Standards and Billing Practices for Electrical and Gas Residential Service” rules. R 460.3411 is being updated to allow the utilities and new customers a meeting, which provides a better opportunity to discuss new service options. R 460.3505 is being updated to create a more detailed program for customer notification regarding tree-trimming activities. R 460.3506 is being added to ensure that utilities are employing sufficient and effective cybersecurity programs. R 460.3613 is being amended to update and clarify meter testing requirements. R 460.3613a is being added to provide a separate rule for electro-mechanical meter testing requirements. The documentation and reporting requirements in R 460.3203, 460.3615, and 460.3617 are being updated. And, language in several rules is being stricken because it refers to obsolete technology. The proposed changes to these rules are supported by the Public Service Commission and by regulated industry.

#### **4. Summary of proposed rules:**

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#### **5. List names of newspapers in which the notice of public hearing was published and publication dates:**

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The Oakland Press, the Grand Rapids Press, and the Mining Journal. The notice of public hearing was published in all three papers on November 23, 2021.

**6. Date of publication of rules and notice of public hearing in Michigan Register:**

11/15/2021

**7. Date, time, and location of public hearing:**

12/9/2021 10:30 AM at Lake Michigan Room or Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/3ClO2b8> , MPSC 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing MI 48917; or WebLink: <https://bit.ly/3ClO2b8>; or audio only: +1 248-509-0316, US Phone Conference ID 269 161 043#

**8. Provide the link the agency used to post the regulatory impact statement and cost-benefit analysis on its website:**

<https://ARS.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=1335>

**9. List of the name and title of agency representative(s) attending public hearing:**

Monica M. Stephens, Assistant Attorney General on behalf of the Public Service Commission Staff

**10. Persons submitting comments of support:**

No persons appeared at the public hearing to submit comments of support. Citizens Utility Board of Michigan (CUB), Michigan Electric and Gas Association (MEGA), and Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) submitted written comments in support of the rules.

**11. Persons submitting comments of opposition:**

No persons appeared at the public hearing to submit comments of opposition. CUB, MEGA, and Consumers submitted written comments proposing changes to the rules.

**12. Persons submitting other comments:**

CUB, MEGA, Michigan Department of Attorney General, and Consumers submitted written comments.

**13. Identify any changes made to the proposed rules based on comments received during the public comment period:**

	Name & Organization	Comments made at public hearing	Written Comments	Agency Rationale for Rule Change and Description of Change(s) Made	Rule number & citation changed
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**14. Date report completed:**

7/27/2022