

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Public Service Commission
Administrative Rules for Gas Safety
Rule Set 2023-19 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

09:00 AM

Lake Michigan Room
7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Gas Safety rule set.

In order for Michigan to maintain jurisdiction over gas pipeline facilities and transportation, the state must certify that it has adopted each applicable federal standard or is taking steps to adopt that standard. 49 USC 60105(b)(2). Failure to adopt the updates to the federal standards will eventually lead to reduction or termination of federal funding to the state to carry out enforcement of these standards. In addition, failure to maintain local jurisdiction over pipeline regulation will mean that pipelines located in Michigan will be forced to submit to federal regulators located in Washington D.C. or other out-of-state locations. Thus, the primary purpose of these amendments is to adopt by reference current federal regulations governing gas safety, along with updating certain other technical standards contained in the rules.

By authority conferred on the public service commission by section 2 of 1969 PA 165, MCL 483.152, and section 231 of the Executive organization act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.331, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-2, 2003-1, 2008-4, 2011-4, and 2015-3, MCL 445.2001, 445.2011, 445.2025, 445.2030, and 460.21

The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the 7/1/2023 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: mpscdockets@michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 7/28/2023 at 05:00PM.

Executive Secretary, Case No. U-21369

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 517-284-8090 to make arrangements.