

Administrative Rule Analysis



GAS SAFETY

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BACKGROUND & SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES SUBMITTED TO JCAR

2013-070-LR would amend rules to adopt, by reference, recent updates to standards adopted by national industry and professional associations and the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT). Pursuant to federal law, the state must adopt recently prescribed federal standards in order to retain authority to regulate gas safety standards and practices. 2013-070-LR would also amend various rules pertaining to welding procedures, establishment of service, filing of operation and maintenance manuals, leakage surveys, and reporting of leak or loss incidents. Additionally, 2013-070-LR would extend exemption from the gas safety rules to petroleum gas pipeline systems serving a single customer; currently, those exempted systems must be located entirely on a single customer's premises. Finally, 2013-070-LR would add a rule requiring operators to discontinue gas service to inactive service lines with components located inside a structure by 07/15/15.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The rules amended and added by 2013-070-LR would have a nominal fiscal impact on the Public Service Commission (PSC) to the extent that PSC staff would undertake training, primarily provided by the US DOT, related to the new federal standards.

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