

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Public Service Commission
Administrative Rules for Interconnection and Distributed Generation Standards
Rule Set 2020-96 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

09:00 AM

Lake Michigan Hearing Room, or: The public hearing will be held in person, and will also be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Any person may attend and participate in this hearing by visiting the following web link or by dialing the number below at the time of the hearing. WebLink: https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F_%23%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_NTRIYjExZTEtMzYxMi00MTE1LTk4ODktYzlyMzZkZDM4ODQ2%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%2522d5fb7087-3777-42ad-966a-892ef47225d1%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%252280e1c56f-c852-45fc-9643-7f8580ebe467%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=ad4b8229-8540-41e4-a239-bd7637cd0f7d&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true Or call in (audio only) +1 248-509-0316,,269161043# United States Phone Conference ID: 269 161 043# 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing MI 48917

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Interconnection and Distributed Generation Standards rule set.

The Interconnection and Distributed Generation Standards are rules that detail how projects owned by customers, developers, and in some situations, the utility, connect to the utility distribution system. These rules provide a standardized process and schedule so that interconnections can be accommodated in an orderly and timely manner. The rules also ensure that interconnections are done reliably and safely, in order to protect workers, utility and third-party owned equipment, and the public. The Interconnection and Distributed Generation Standards are an update to the Electric Interconnection and Net Metering Standards necessitated by advances in distributed energy resource technology and an increase in distributed generation penetration on the distribution systems in Michigan. The Interconnection and Distributed Generation Standards are promulgated pursuant to the same authority as, and replace, the Electric Interconnection and Net Metering Standards, which will be rescinded concurrently with the approval of these rules.

By authority conferred upon the Commission by section 7(6) of 1909 PA 106, MCL 460.557(6); section 5 of 1919 PA 419, MCL 460.55; sections 4, 6(1), and 10e(3) of 1939 PA 3, MCL 460.4, 460.6(1); and 460.10e(3), and section 173(1) of 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1173(1)). Section 173(1) of 2008 PA 295, as amended by 2016 PA 342, MCL 460.1173(1), provides: "The commission shall establish a distributed generation program by order issued not later than 90 days after the effective date of the 2016 act that amended this section. The commission may promulgate rules the commission considers necessary to implement this program. Any rules adopted regarding time limits for approval of parallel operation shall recognize reliability and safety complications including those arising from equipment saturation, use of multiple technologies, and proximity to synchronous motor loads. The program shall apply to all electric utilities whose rates are regulated by the commission and alternative electric suppliers in this state." The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/ARD> and in the Michigan Register in the 10/1/2021 issue. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address: mpscdockets@michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail at the following address until 11/1/2021 at 05:00PM.

Executive Secretary, Case No. U-20890, Michigan Public Service Commission P.O. Box 30221, Lansing MI 48909

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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.