

Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in Room 412, fourth floor, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on May 13, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered

20:10:34:01 to 20:10:34:11, inclusive

The effects of the proposed rules in §§ 20:10:34:01 to 20:10:34:11, inclusive, are to prohibit the unauthorized changing of telecommunications companies and to prohibit charging consumers for unauthorized services. The proposed rules state the procedures for changing telecommunications companies and list billing requirements. The proposed rules also state the company's liability for unauthorized changing of telecommunications companies or charging for unauthorized services.

The reasons for the proposed rules are to set new and revised standards and penalties concerning the changing of telecommunications companies and to set new and revised standards and penalties concerning the billing of customers.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Public Utilities Commission by May 24, 1999, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Public Utilities Commission at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773- 3201.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the

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State Capitol
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

The proposed rules may also be found on the Public Utilities Commission's home page at the following address: <http://www.state.sd.us/puc/dockets99/rm99-001.htm>