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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate State Affairs Committee and the House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Division Manager - Mike Nugent

DATE: September 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Public Utilities Commission

IDAPA 31.01.01 - Rules Pertaining To The Rules of Procedure of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Docket No. 31-0101-1301)

IDAPA 31.71.03 - Rules Pertaining To The Railroad Safety & Accident Reporting Rules (Docket No. 31-7103-1301)

The Public Utilities Commission is proposing to promulgate two sets of proposed rules. In the first set, the Commission is providing changes to its Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01. In its notice of rulemaking, the Commission states: "The reasons for the proposed changes include: improving efficiency and cost-effectiveness by allowing the Commission to update its list of current utilities and railroads subject to the annual regulatory assessments (Rule 18); updating references and citations to other authorities (Rules 19, 43, 52); conforming rules to current practices (Rules 53, 72, 162); increasing public involvement by making RSS feeds more user-friendly (Rule 39); recognizing utilities formed as limited liability companies (Rules 111 and 114); and improving the clarity of two rules regarding customer notices (Rules 121 and 125). The proposed amendments to the rules reflect the Commission's adoption of changes agreed to at the negotiated rulemaking."

The second set of proposed rules amend the Commission's railroad safety and accident reporting rules and incorporate by reference 2013 changes made in eight parts of the Code of Federal Regulations on the subject. It appears that both sets of proposed rules have been granted within the scope of statutory authority granted to the Public Utilities Commission.

cc: Public Utilities Commission
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