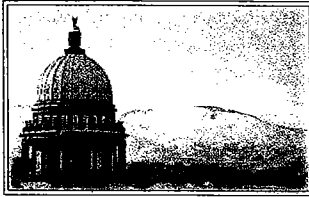


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TO: Germane Subcommittees for Administrative Rules Review of the Senate and House of Representatives State Affairs Committees

FROM: Research and Legislation Staff, Nugent *MPN*

DATE: August 21, 2007

SUBJECT: Three Sets of Proposed Public Utilities Commission Rules

- IDAPA 31.12.01 - Systems of Accounts for Public Utilities Regulated by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Docket #31-1201-0701);** *RUL-U-07-03*
- 31.71.02 - Railroad Accident Reporting Rules (Chapter Repeal) (Docket #31-7102-0701);** *RUL-R-07-02*
- 31.71.03 - Railroad Safety/Sanitation Rules (Docket #31-7103-0701).** *RUL-R-07-01*

The Public Utilities Commission is proposing to promulgate three sets of proposed rules. IDAPA 31.12.01 relates to systems of accounts for public utilities. This proposed set of rules incorporates by reference the newest federal accounting regulations and accounting standards issued by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

IDAPA 31.71.02 and 31.71.03 dovetail together as they both relate to railroad accident reporting. IDAPA 31.71.02 deletes a reporting requirement and then is moved by IDAPA 31.71.03 into the Commission's railroad/safety and sanitation rule. The rules incorporate by reference the newest changes in federal safety rules for railroads, their employees and rail shippers and then move the accident reporting language into this chapter of rules.

All three sets of proposed rules appear to have been promulgated within the scope of statutory authority granted to the Public Utilities Commission and we do not have any technical, substantive or procedural problems with the proposed rules.

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