

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENINGS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening whenever an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking. Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1. **Title and its heading:** 17, Transportation
Chapter and its heading: 3, Department of Transportation - Highways Division
Article and its heading: 7, Highway Encroachments and Permits
Section number: R17-3-701
2. **Subject matter of the proposed rule:**
Provisions of the rule regulate the placement and maintenance of outdoor advertising signs along interstate highways and state primary and secondary highways. The current rule was promulgated in January 1977. The proposed rule will completely replace the current rule to encourage greater compliance by the outdoor advertising industry through a more organized and clarified approach to the rules. The proposed rule updates the fee schedules for permits to bring fee receipts closer to the costs of the administration. The rule closely follows existing state law, the state/federal agreement dated November 18, 1971, and 23 CFR 750, the federal regulations promulgated to implement federal law.
The agency docket number, if applicable:
None.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None published.
4. **Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Department will accept written comments between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
The Department will accept oral comments between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action in the proceeding:**
None.