

## NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening when 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.

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#### CORPORATION COMMISSION

#### FIXED UTILITIES

*Editor's Note: The following Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening was reviewed per Executive Order 2012-03 as issued by Governor Brewer. (See the text of the executive order on page 2241.)*

[R12-164]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 14, Public Service Corporation; Corporations and Associations; Securities Regulation
- Chapter and its heading:** 2, Corporation Commission – Fixed Utilities
- Article and its heading:** 1, General Provisions
- Section numbers:** R14-2-103, R14-2-107

**2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**

The purpose of the proposed rules would amend R14-2-103 and add R14-2-107 to permit an alternative rate processing procedure for cooperative utilities. It is expected that the alternative rate processing procedure will reduce costs for cooperatives and their customers.

The amendments to R14-2-103 would remove the current specified filing requirements for electric distribution cooperative utilities.

The new rule R14-2-107 would provide a streamlined ratemaking process for cooperatives providing electric or natural gas utility service and meeting certain conditional requirements.

**The agency docket number, if applicable:**

RU-00000A-12-0270

**3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: 18 A.A.R. 2220, September 7, 2012 (*in this issue*)

**4. The 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 Hearing Division will conduct Oral proceedings on October 18, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 222 at the Commission's offices located at 400 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701 and on October 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 1 at 1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Written comments can be submitted to Docket Control, 1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 by October 9, 2012. Please reference Docket No. RU-00000A-12-0270. Oral comments may be provided at the proceeding to be held on October 18 and 19, 2012.

**6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**

The Commission will likely bring this matter to Open Meeting for final approval in December 2012.

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