

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF THE
RULES IN OHIO ADM.CODE CHAPTER
4901:1-2 REGARDING THE PROTECTION
OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES.

CASE NO. 21-896-AU-ORD

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 10, 2021

{¶ 1} R.C. 111.15(B) and R.C. 106.03(A) require all state agencies to conduct a review, every five years, of their rules and to determine whether to continue their rules without change, amend their rules, or rescind their rules. The Commission has opened this docket in order to review the protection of underground utility facility rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-2.

{¶ 2} By Entry issued on August 27, 2021, the attorney examiner scheduled an in-person workshop to be held on September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio.

{¶ 3} The attorney examiner now determines that the in-person workshop should be converted to a remote access workshop utilizing technology that facilitates participation by telephone and/or live video on the internet. Persons who wish to participate and offer comments in the remote access workshop must register before 12:00 p.m. on September 20, 2021, by calling the Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826 or by using the Commission's online registration form at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/events/case-no-21-896-au-ord-wksp>.

{¶ 4} Interested individuals who wish to attend remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling +1-408-418-9388 and entering access code 2347 640 5753. The workshop will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio. The workshop will be transcribed and will be available in this case docket.

{¶ 5} Individuals interested in providing comments will be required to provide their full name, home or business address, telephone number, and e-mail address, if available; state that they wish to register for the workshop in Case No. 21-896-AU-ORD;

specify whether they plan to join the remote access event by internet or telephone; and indicate that they intend to offer comments. All individuals who plan to provide comments using video access to the Webex event, as opposed to providing testimony by telephone, must have a computer or smart device with a microphone and speakers, an e-mail address, and reliable internet service.

{¶ 6} The attorney examiner reiterates that the workshop is intended as an opportunity to receive feedback from interested stakeholders before the draft rules are issued for comment. Any interested stakeholder that does not participate in the workshop may file comments with the Commission once the draft rules have been issued.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a workshop be scheduled for September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., via remote access technology in accordance with Paragraph 3. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be sent to the Electric-Energy, Gas-Pipeline, Telephone, and Water industry service lists. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all regulated electric distribution companies, regulated gas and natural gas companies, all incumbent local exchange companies, the Ohio Gas Association, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, the Ohio Petroleum Council, the Ohio Telecom Association, the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association, the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, and all other interested persons of record.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry converting the September 21, 2021 workshop from in-person to virtual via Webex, access information detailed herein electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio