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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate State Affairs Committee and the House State Affairs Committee  
**FROM:** Deputy Division Manager - Katharine Gerrity  
**DATE:** October 04, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Public Utilities Commission

IDAPA 31.11.01 - Safety and Accident Reporting Rules for Utilities Regulated by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 31-1101-1801)

#### Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Public Utilities Commission submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 31.11.01 - Safety and Accident Reporting Rules for Utilities Regulated by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. According to the commission, the Utility Safety and Accident Reporting Rules adopt by reference several national safety codes applicable to electric, telephone and natural gas utilities and federal safety regulations applicable to natural gas and pipeline utilities. The proposed rule would replace adoption of the 2012 Edition of the National Electric Safety Code with adoption of the 2017 edition.

#### Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

The commission notes that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the rule adopts updated national safety codes and is necessary for the safety of telephone company and utility employees and the public during the installation, operation or maintenance of telephone lines or electric utility systems. The commission notes that there is not a fiscal impact associated with the rulemaking.

#### Statutory Authority

The rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to Section 61-515, Idaho Code.

cc: Public Utilities Commission  
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#### \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*

Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules must be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

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