

(Decision No. 73171)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE RULES OF THE)
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE)
STATE OF COLORADO REGULATING THE)
SERVICE OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES)
WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO.)

CASE NO. 5320

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

June 10, 1969

Appearances: Lee, Bryans, Kelly & Stansfield
by Bryant O'Donnell, Esq.,
Denver, Colorado, for
Public Service Company of Colorado;
Richard Brown, Greeley, Colorado,
for Home Light and Power Company;
Logan C. Ragle, Pueblo, Colorado,
for Western Power & Gas Company;
Glenn Shoemaker, Littleton, Colorado,
for Intermountain Rural Electric Assn.;
Louis A. Hinz, Longmont, Colorado,
for City of Longmont, Electric Dept.;
D. Hovis, Pueblo, Colorado,
for San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.;
Robert Lee Kessler, Esq., Denver, Colorado,
for the Staff of the Commission.

STATEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

In the above-numbered case by Decision No. 68572 of November 25, 1966, this Commission prescribed "Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Utilities." Said Rules became effective January 1, 1967.

Rule 18 (b) of said rules provided as follows:

"Construction Requirement:

(b) The utility shall use as the minimum standard of accepted good practice the National Electrical Safety Code as prescribed by the statutes of the State of Colorado or as the same may be amended."

The Colorado Legislature in its 1969 session passed Senate Bill 14 which revised certain articles and sections of Chapter 115, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1963, being the Public Utility Act. Among said revisions was Article 4, Section 6, Subsection 4, to which Rule 18 (b) referred.

Said Subsection 4 prescribed the National Electrical Safety Code, Sixth Edition, issued by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Standards, United States of America, as the minimum standards for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and operation of electrical wiring, electrical construction, electrical equipment and apparatus, either inside or outside, or overhead or underground, and whether owned or operated by private municipal or quasi-municipal corporations or associations, or whether mutually or privately owned. The passage of Senate Bill 14 having deleted the above Subsection 4 has, in effect, left it up to this Commission to prescribe the electrical safety code that should be followed by all electric public utilities under its jurisdiction.

The Staff of the Commission, by letter dated May 6, 1969, has contacted all of the electric public utilities under this Commission's jurisdiction advising them that the Commission proposes to adopt by rule, and by the modification of the above Rule 18 (b) to prescribe the current edition of the National Electrical Safety Code. The interested parties were given until June 9, 1969 within which to reply to the Commission whether or not they had any objections to the Commission adopting said Code by rule. No replies were received by the Commission within the allotted time protesting or objecting to the adoption of the National Electrical Code, and therefore the Commission will, by amending Rule 18 (b), adopt said Code.

F I N D I N G S

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

That the Commission is fully advised in the premises.

That it appears in the records and files herein that all interested parties were duly informed of the proposed amendments to Rule 18 (b), and that there being no objections thereto, said Rules should be amended as proposed.

That Rule 18 (b) of the "Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Utilities" should be amended to require that the utilities shall use as the minimum standard of accepted good practice the National Electrical Safety Code as published by the National Bureau of Standards as set forth in our Order to follow.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

That Rule 18 (b) of the Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Utilities is amended to read as follows:

"RULE 18

Construction Requirement:

(b) The utility shall use as the minimum standard of accepted good practice the current edition of the National Electrical Safety Code as published by the National Bureau of Standards Handbooks:

A. NBS Handbook H 30 containing -

USA (United States of America) Standard Safety Rules for the Installation and Maintenance of Electrical Supply Stations, C2.1-1941 (Reaffirmed 1947)

USA Standard Safety Rules for the Installation and Maintenance of Electric Utilization Equipment, C2.3-1941 (Reaffirmed 1947)

USA Standard Safety Rules for Operation of Electric Equipment and Lines, C2.4-1939 (Reaffirmed 1947)

USA Standard Safety Rules for Radio Installation, C2.5-1940 (Reaffirmed 1947)

B. NBS Handbook H81-1961 containing -

USA Standard Safety Rules for the Installation and Maintenance of Electric Supply and Communication Lines, C2.2-1960.

C. C2.2a-1965 - Supplement to C2.2-1960.

D. C2.2b-1967 - Supplement to C2.2-1960."

Except as modified herein, Decision No. 68572 shall remain in full force and effect.

That Rule 18 (b) and this Order shall become effective July 1, 1969.

(S E A L)



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William D. Mitchell".

William D. Mitchell, Executive Secretary

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

HENRY E. ZARLENGO

HOWARD S. BJELLAND

EDWIN R. LUNDBORG

Commissioners

Dated at Denver, Colorado,
this 10th day of June, 1969.
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