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PURPOSE: This rule prescribes minimum safety standards relating to the operation of electric and telephone utilities and rural electric cooperatives. Adoption of this rule will not only inform the regulated utilities, to which it applies, of the minimum safety standards required by the commission but will also be of assistance to the commission staff in carrying out its assigned duties.

Editor's Note: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of this rule in its entirety would be unduly cumbersome and expensive. The entire text of the rule has been filed with the secretary of state and is summarized here by the agency adopting it. The entire text of the rule may be found at the headquarters of the commission and is available to any interested person at a cost established by state law.

(1) The commission adopts the *American National Standard, National Electrical Safety Code (NESC)*; 1993 Edition as approved by the American National Standards Institute on July 10, 1992. It is published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., as the minimum safety standards relating to the operation of electric and telephone utilities and rural electric cooperatives. The NESC is composed of four (4) different parts and four (4) sections, each of which pertain to different aspects of the electric and telecommunications industries. The commission adopts Parts 1, 2 and 3 and Sections 1, 2 and 9. Part 1 specifies rules for the installation and maintenance of equipment normally found in electric generating plants and substations. Part 2 pertains to safety rules for overhead electric and communication lines. Part 3 contains safety rules for underground electric and communication lines. Section 1 is an introduction to the NESC, Section 2 defines special terms and Section 9 requires certain grounding methods for electric and communications facilities.

(2) All electric and telephone utilities and rural electric cooperatives subject to regulation by this commission pursuant to Chapters 386, 392—394, RSMo shall be required to adhere to the safety standards established by this rule.