

**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATION LINES AND  
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**

(By authority conferred on the public service commission by section 7 of 1909 PA 106, sections 2 and 3 of 1913 PA 206, sections 4 and 6 of 1939 PA 3, as amended, and section 5 of 1939 PA 419, MCL 460.557, 460.102, 460.103, 460.4, 460.6, and 460.55)

**R 460.811 Definitions.**

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

(a) "Commission" means the Michigan public service commission.

(b) "Utility" means an electric or telecommunications company, whether private, corporate, or cooperative, that operates under the jurisdiction of the commission.

History: 1988 AACCS.

**R 460.812 Purpose.**

Rule 2. These rules are intended to promote safe and adequate service to the public and to provide standards for uniform and reasonable practices for a utility. These rules do not relieve a utility from any of its other duties under the laws of this state.

History: 1988 AACCS.

**R 460.813 Standards of good practice; adoption by reference.**

Rule 3. Parts 1, 2, and 3 and sections 1, 2, 3, and 9 of the national electrical safety code, 2012 edition (ANSI-C2-2012), are adopted by reference in these rules as standards of accepted good practice. Parts 1, 2, and 3 and sections 1, 2, 3, and 9 of the national electrical safety code, 2012 edition (ANSI-C2-2012), are available from the institute of electrical and electronics engineers (ieee) at the following address: IEEE Operations Center, 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854-4141 USA, phone: (732) 981-0060, or via the internet at the following web site:

[http://www.techstreet.com/standards/ieee/c2\\_2012?product\\_id-1786726](http://www.techstreet.com/standards/ieee/c2_2012?product_id-1786726) at a cost of \$170.00 as of the time of adoption of this rule, plus a handling charge.

Copies of the code may also be obtained from the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909 at the same cost charged by the ieee as of the adoption of this rule, plus \$20 for shipping and handling.

History: 1988 AACCS; 1991 AACCS; 1997 AACCS; 2013 AACCS.

**R 460.814 Exemption from rules; application to commission; public hearing.**

Rule 4. An exemption from these rules may be granted by the commission. A party seeking an exemption shall file an application with the commission specifying the location to be exempted. After the filing of an application, the commission shall investigate the circumstances and shall determine if granting an exemption is in the public interest. The commission may conduct a public hearing in order to determine whether the public interest would be adversely affected by granting an application for an exemption to these rules. The commission may exempt a specific location from these rules for any of the following reasons:

- (a) The cost of complying with the rules is not justified by the protection secured.
- (b) Equivalent or safer construction is more readily provided in another manner.
- (c) The rules are impractical for any other reason.

History: 1988 AACCS.

**R 460.815 Rescission.**

Rule 5. R 460.521 to R 460.572 of the Michigan Administrative Code, noted on page 4706 of the 1979 Michigan Administrative Code, are rescinded.

History: 1988 AACCS.