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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME		CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
Public Service Commission		Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary	601-961-5432	
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
P.O. Box 1174		Jackson	MS	39047
EMAIL	SUBMIT DATE	Name or number of rule(s):		
Brian.Ray@psc.state.ms.us	1/15/14	Rule 57.2 – Natural Gas Qualification Program, Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: To update and bring into compliance with Federal regulations the rules governing the Natural Gas Qualification Program in Mississippi.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-45

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service Rule 57.2

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☐ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☒ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing	**Action proposed:**	**Date Proposed Rule Filed: 9/10/13**
_____ Renewal of effectiveness	_____ New rule(s)	**Action taken:**
To be in effect in _____ days	_____ Amendment to existing rule(s)	_X_ Adopted with no changes in text
Effective date:	_____ Repeal of existing rule(s)	_____ Adopted with changes
_____ Immediately upon filing	_____ Adoption by reference	_____ Adopted by reference
_____ Other (specify): _____	**Proposed final effective date:**	_____ Withdrawn
	_____30 days after filing	_____ Repeal adopted as proposed
	_____ Other (specify): _____	**Effective date:**
		_X_ 30 days after filing
		_____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Brian U. Ray

Signature of person authorized to file rules: Brian U. Ray

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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ADDRESS P.O. Box 1174	CITY Jackson	STATE MS	ZIP 39201
EMAIL Brian.Ray@psc.state.ms.us	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Rule 57.2 – Natural Gas Qualification Program		

Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-45	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service Rule 57.2

A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:
   The rule outlines specific qualifications of natural gas operators which will result in safer operations of the systems. Enhanced system reliability that may result would also be beneficial.

2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule:
   The amendment is needed to update the present Mississippi Public Service Commission Rule and bring it into compliance with Federal regulations.

3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:
   The rule outlines specific qualifications for natural gas system operators which will result in safer operation of the systems. Enhanced system reliability that may result would also be beneficial.

4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:
   a. To the agency
      ☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
   b. To other state or local government entities
      ☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:
   c. Cost:
      ☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
   d. Economic Benefit: **NOT QUANTIFIABLE**
      ☐ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

6. Estimated impact on small businesses:

☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: Unknown.
b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply: Minor impact related to travel expenditures and continuing education.
c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses: More reliable transmission of natural gas and hazardous liquids.

7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
   ☒ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than
   ☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
   ☐ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than

8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
   ☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than
   ☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
   ☒ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than

B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?
   ☐ yes ☒ no

2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.)

C. Data and Methodology

1. Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form. Data was provided by Pipeline Safety Division of the Commission.

D. Public Notice

1. Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already scheduled?
   All persons and parties who desired to participate in a public hearing were directed to file with the Commission notice of their intent to participate and written comments or testimony on or before October 7, 2013. A public hearing was held for October 15, 2013 at the Public Service Commission's Hearing Room.

SIGNATURE /s/ Brian U. Ray	TITLE Executive Secretary
DATE January, 15 2014	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days after Final Approval