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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME		CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
Mississippi Department of Transportation		Ray Goodman	601-359-7101	
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
P.O. Box 1850		Jackson	MS	39215
EMAIL	SUBMIT DATE	Name or number of rule(s):		
rgoodman@mdot.ms.gov	7-31-15	37.I.7501.06001		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: To establish a policy for issuing permits for accommodating utilities on freeway rights of way to improve and maintain highway safety and operation.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Section § 65-1-8 (2)(c), et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: 37.I.7501.06001

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:** _____
_____ Renewal of effectiveness	_____ New rule(s)	**Action taken:**
To be in effect in _____ days	_X_ Amendment to existing rule(s)	_____ 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
	_X_ 30 days after filing	_____ Repeal adopted as proposed
	_____ Other (specify): _____	**Effective date:**
		_____ 30 days after filing
		_____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Charlene Dear, Director – Central Services Division
Signature of person authorized to file rules: Charlene Dear

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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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Rev. 6/12

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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EMAIL	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE		
rgoodman@mdot.ms.gov	Accommodation of Utilities on Freeway Rights of Way		

Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule:
Miss. Code Ann. § 65-1-8(2) (Rev. 2006)	37.I.7501.06001

A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:

   This rule revision primarily regards the allowance of communication utility lines to be attached to the Mississippi River bridge crossings upon receiving specific approval from the Mississippi Transportation Commission.

2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule: Various cases of justifiable hardships were presented to the Commission and it was unanimously decided to allow such action described in the rule revision on a case-by-case basis to benefit the public.

3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: The proposed action will have little to no impact on public health and safety, but will however improve the welfare of those that will benefit from interstate broadband and other communications across the Mississippi River.

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:
      ☐ 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: None
   b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply: None
   c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses: None

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. As there is little to no cost effect to the public, the other impacts have been estimated using best judgement.

D. Public Notice

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? Mississippi Department of Transportation, Maintenance Division , 401 North West Street, 6th Floor, Jackson, MS 39201

SIGNATURE Charlene Dear	TITLE Director, Central Services Division
DATE 7/31/2015	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE September 28, 2015