

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4901:5-3-01

Rule Type: New

Rule Title/Tagline: Long-term forecast report due dates.

Agency Name: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Division: Division of Forecasting

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** No
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?**
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 111.15
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** R.C. 4935.04, 4901.13
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** R.C. 4935.04
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is not a new proposal.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-3-01 provides the due dates for affected entities to file their long-term forecast reports (LTFR) with the Commission.

The amendment to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-3-01 removes a requirement that dictates how many hard copies must be filed with the Commission at the time of filing.

9. **Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
10. **If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

This rule incorporates material from sections of the Revised, which are exempted pursuant to R.C. 121.75(A)(1)(a).

11. **If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

This rule is revised to attach the proper CSI material that was incorrectly attached in the Original File.

II. Fiscal Analysis

12. **Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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The Commission does not anticipate that the revision to this rule will increase or decrease its revenues to the agency.

13. **What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Affected entities must expend time and resources to compile and file the long-term forecast report. Although not included in this specific rule, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-3-02 requires electric transmission, electric utilities, gas, and natural gas utilities to pay an annual fee to the Commission based on the amount of energy delivered by each specific entity the previous year.

14. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

15. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**
16. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Although not included in this specific rule, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-3-02 requires electric transmission, electric utilities, gas, and natural gas utilities to pay an annual fee to the Commission based on the amount of energy delivered by each specific entity the previous year. Revenues received by the Commission help fund its operations, including compensating employees such as those who review LTFRs as well as fund IT systems that help in this review.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**
18. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**
 - A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

Yes, the affected entities must qualify under the Revised Code as a public utility and be subject to regulation by the Commission to operate in this line of business.
 - B. **Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No**

This rule does not necessarily; however, if the affected entity would fail to comply with the LTFR filing due dates in this rule and fail to obtain an extension as allowed by the rule, it would create a cause of action whereby the Commission under its general regulatory powers could take some sort of remedial action against the filing entity for failing to file.
 - C. **Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes**

This rule specifically requires that an affected entity must file a LTFR with the Commission by a specific due date.
 - D. **Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes**

It would likely increase expenses since the affected entity must use time and resources to compile and file this statutorily-required report with the Commission.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule? 4

4901:5-3-01(A) – Regulatory restriction requiring all electric transmission owners to file an LTFR

4901:5-3-01(A) – Regulatory restriction requiring all electric utilities to file an LTFR

4901:5-3-01(B) – Regulatory restriction requiring all gas distribution companies to file an LTFR

4901:5-3-01(B) – Regulatory restriction requiring all natural gas distribution companies to file an LTFR

B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 0

C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.

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D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).

The additions are restrictions that remain in the amended rule, however, as there was more than 50% change in language, the ERF filing requirement to Rescind/New was enacted.