

Annual List of Rulemaking Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021
Prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to 5 MRS §8053-A sub-§5

Agency name: Department of Transportation (DOT)
Umbrella-Unit: 17-229
Statutory authority: 23 MRS §52; 35-A §2503(16); 23 CFR §645.211
Chapter number/title: Ch. 210, Utility Accommodation Rule
Filing number: 2021-067
Effective date: 4/5/2021
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:
(See Basis Statement)

Basis statement:

These changes are primarily intended to clarify the intent of the existing rules and to address the following areas: the use of a geotextile with crushed stone backfill; traffic control for short-term wire crossings; aerial attachments to existing poles; services to corner lots; service consolidation for new installations with multiple highway crossings; and, underground service lines located on the highway side of ditches. An additional section addressing the potential designation of replaced or out-of-service poles as public safety hazards is also included.

Fiscal impact of rule:

No expected impacts to the General Fund.