

Fiscal Impact Statement for Department of Energy rules governing Rules For Gas Service. [En 500]

**1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed new En 500 rules to the existing Puc 500 rules.

**2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

Several provisions of the En 500 rules refer to requirements in federal law. In accordance with RSA 12-P:13,I, the Department continues the former efforts of the PUC in applying annually to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation for authorization to take actions on its behalf to oversee pipeline operation safety, security, monitoring, and compliance through an inspection process. As a result, the Department, through its Enforcement Division, continues the exercise of authority to enforce federal gas safety requirements pursuant to the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act, 49 U.S.C. section 60101 et seq., as required to retain PHMSA gas pipeline safety funding. In this regard, the new En 500 rules adopt the relevant, existing Puc 500 rules following the reorganization of the PUC and the creation of the Department, with a revision to En 504.05(c) to require emergency response notifications in one hour rather than two, consistent with federal requirements. There is no impact on State funds.

**3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

**A. To State general or State special funds:**

None.

**B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None.

**C. To independently owned businesses:**

None.