

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 703.025 and section 9 of Assembly Bill No. 321, chapter 483, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2969.

A REGULATION relating to public safety; adopting by reference a standard for the testing and evaluation of the dielectric performance of foil balloons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Assembly Bill No. 321 (A.B. 321) of the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to adopt a standard for the testing and evaluation of the dielectric performance of foil balloons. A.B. 321 requires that standard to be the “Standard for Testing and Evaluating the Dielectric Performance of Celebratory Balloons in Contact with Overhead Power Distribution Lines Rated up to 38 kV System Voltage,” IEEE P2845, of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers if the standard is final and approved in accordance with certain conditions set forth by A.B. 321. (Section 9 of Assembly Bill No. 321, chapter 483, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2969) A.B. 321 requires, after the commencement date and in accordance with a schedule for the gradual implementation of the requirement, any foil balloon sold, offered for sale or manufactured in this State to have been tested in accordance with, and meet the performance standards set forth in, the standard adopted by the Commission. (Section 8 of Assembly Bill No. 321, chapter 483, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2968) A.B. 321 defines “commencement date” to mean the date on which the regulation adopted by the Commission establishing IEEE P2845 standard becomes effective, or on June 20, 2027, whichever is later. (Section 3.5 of Assembly Bill No. 321, chapter 483, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2968)

Section 1 of this regulation adopts by reference IEEE 2845: “Standard for Testing and Evaluating the Dielectric Performance of Celebratory Balloons in Contact with Overhead Power Distribution Lines Rated up to 38 kV System Voltage,” in the form most recently approved and published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and sets forth a process by which the Commission may review subsequent revisions. **Section 2** of this regulation provides that this regulation becomes effective on June 20, 2027.

Section 1. Chapter 704 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. For the purpose of section 9 of Assembly Bill No. 321, chapter 483, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2969, the Commission hereby adopts by reference IEEE 2845: “Standard for Testing and Evaluating the Dielectric Performance of Celebratory Balloons in Contact with Overhead Power Distribution Lines Rated up to 38 kV System Voltage,” in the form most recently approved and published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, unless the Commission gives notice that the most recent publication is not suitable for this State pursuant to subsection 3.

2. The publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1 may be obtained from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers by telephone at (855) 999-9870 or at the Internet address <https://standards.ieee.org/>, for \$75 for nonmembers and \$60 for members for an electronic copy and \$93 for nonmembers and \$75 for members for a printed copy.

3. The Commission will review each revision of the publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1 to determine its suitability for this State. If the Commission determines that the revision is not suitable for this State, it will hold a public hearing to review its determination and give notice of that hearing within 6 months after the date of the publication of the revision. If, after the hearing, the Commission does not revise its determination, the Commission will give notice that the revision is not suitable for this State within 30 days after the hearing. If the Commission does not give such notice, the revision becomes part of the publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 2. This regulation becomes effective on June 20, 2027.