

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 12.—Wire-Stringing Rules

82-12-6. Requirements for the installation of warning buoys and warning spheres installed in connection with electric lines crossing water areas suitable for sailboating.

(a) Each electric utility in Kansas that maintains electric lines over water areas, other than rivers, streams and creeks, which are suitable for sailboating, or other water sports, shall place warning buoys in the water under electric lines and warning spheres on the electric lines, where they cross water.

(b) A waiver, as deemed appropriate, of the sphere and buoy requirement may be granted by the commission for good cause upon application by the utility. Applications for waivers may be submitted by each electric utility at the same time it supplies the information required by subsection (c). Each application for waiver shall specify the reasons for the requested waiver and assess the safety implications of the commission's waiver of the buoy and sphere requirement.

(c) For each newly constructed or reconstructed electric supply line which crosses water areas suitable for sailboating or other water sports, each electric utility shall report the following facts in an attachment to the application form at the time of application:

(1) The name, type, configuration, and location of the electric line that crosses one or more water areas that are subject to this regulation;

(2) the length and primary voltage of the electric line crossing the water area;

(3) the approximate clearance height of the electric line above water, at its lowest point, using the design high water level;

(4) the number of spheres and buoys installed under and on each line; and

(5) the expected date of the installation of the line, spheres and buoys, and the expected date for which the line will initially be energized.

(d) The placement of warning buoys and warning spheres is the minimum level of safety which shall be provided. Each utility may, at its option, provide a greater level of

protection for the general public by relocating the electric line or taking other equivalent measures.

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