

HB 946 -- Electrical Corporation Requirements

Sponsor: Walsh

This bill requires the Missouri Public Service Commission to develop minimum standards by January 1, 2008, for electrical service, infrastructure maintenance, and vegetation management. The commission must not approve rate increases if a utility is in violation of any of these standards and must require utilities to reimburse customers for losses of \$200 or more resulting from violations of the reliability standards.

The commission is authorized to enforce its standards by administrative penalty provisions with a maximum allowable penalty of \$250,000 per day per violation. A process for adjudicating penalties or reaching agreements to correct violations without assessing penalties is specified in the bill. Penalties must be assessed within two years of the violation or the date when the commission should reasonably have discovered the violation.