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**RULE CAPTION**

Adopt Electric Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution standard for general industry and construction, and related changes.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

**RULEMAKING ACTION**

Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**ADOPT:**

437-002-2300, 437-002-2301, 437-002-2302, 437-002-2303, 437-002-2304, 437-002-2305, 437-002-2306, 437-002-2307, 437-002-2308, 437-002-2309, 437-002-2310, 437-002-2311, 437-002-2312, 437-002-2313, 437-002-2314, 437-002-2315, 437-002-2316, 437-002-2317, 437-002-2318, 437-002-2319, 437-002-2320, 437-002-2321, 437-002-2322, 437-002-2323, 437-002-2324

**AMEND:**

437-002-0120, 437-002-0134, 437-002-0300, 437-002-0320, 437-003-0001, 437-002-0146, 437-002-0301

**REPEAL:**

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ORS 654.025(2) and 656.726(4)

**Other Authority:**

**Statutes Implemented:**

ORS 654.001 - 654.295

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