

## RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Puc 900**

1. Agency Name &amp; Address:

**Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority:

**RSA 362-A:9, V &  
RSA 365:8, XII**

3. Federal Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Type of Action:

Adoption \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment \_\_\_\_\_

Repeal \_\_\_\_\_

Readoption \_\_\_\_\_

Readoption w/amendment   **X**  

5. Short Title: **Puc 900 – Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation Resources of 100 Kilowatts or Less**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and the effect of the rule on those regulated:

**The purpose of Puc 900 is to establish reasonable interconnection requirements for safety, reliability and power quality for customer owned renewable energy generation resources of 100 kilowatts or less (previously 25 kilowatts or less before HB447).**

**Specifically, the proposed rule sets forth definitions of terms, general rules, rights and obligations, statutory and other requirements, requirements relating to the interconnection application process, technical requirements for interconnection, description of separate compliance paths for units using inverters or meters to interface with the electrical grid and procedural requirements for all interconnected units. The changes to the proposed rule result from 1) passage of HB 47 (2007) which modified the definition of eligible customer-generator and required the PUC to conform to certain safety standards when adopting its rules, 2) the Commission's adoption of the IEEE Standard 1547 for inverter interconnections up to 10 kilowatts, and 3) the need to update the incorporated standard references to reflect the most recent editions.**

**Net energy metering is a way to provide a reasonable opportunity for small customers to choose interconnected self generation, to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, to stimulate in-state commercialization of innovative and beneficial new technology, to enhance the future diversification of the state's energy resource mix, and reduce interconnection and administrative costs.**

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected: **Any person or entity which seeks to interconnect to the electric grid with a renewable energy generation resource of 100 kilowatts or less in capacity. Additionally affected are electric utilities which distribute electric power within the State of New Hampshire and electric suppliers within the state as defined in the rule.**

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6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Puc 900 (other specific statute provisions implemented by specific rules are listed below)	RSA 362-A:9,V
Puc 904.02	RSA 541-A:16,I (b)
Puc 908.03	RSA 365:8,I
Puc 908.05	RSA 541-A:30,II
Puc 908.06	RSA 374:15

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **June 25, 2009**

Fax  E-mail  Other format (specify):  
rulescomments@puc.nh.gov

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **June 18, 2009 at 11:00 AM**  
Place: **Public Utilities Commission**  
**21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10**  
**Concord, NH 03301**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 09:073 dated May 8, 2009

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution: **The proposed rules do not modify an existing program or responsibility, and do not apply to any political subdivision and therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a.**