

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

March 11, 2020

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission meeting began at 4:04 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Chairwoman Dianne Martin, Commissioner Kathryn Bailey, and Commissioner Michael Giaimo were present. The following matters were addressed:

1. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Giaimo noted that the March 11, 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda included an incorrect date (January 16) for the Commission Meeting (which was actually held on January 21). Commissioner Giaimo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Rulemaking, DRM 19-158, Puc 900, Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation Resources of 1,000 Kilowatts or Less – Commission to Adopt Final Proposal for Readoption with Amendments of Puc 900 Rules

Chairwoman Martin asked Attorney David Wiesner to briefly describe the status of the Puc 900 rules amendment process. Attorney Wiesner stated the rules were in the final stages of readoption with amendments, with a Final Proposal prepared, in both fixed text and annotated text versions, reflecting comments received from both the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) and from a number of interested stakeholders.

Attorney Wiesner noted that changes from the Initial Proposal included provisions intended to implement the on-bill crediting and low-moderate income community solar project provisions of Senate Bill 165 of 2019. Those implementation provisions, as well as a new section covering the situation where multiple projects would be considered a single facility for purposes of net metering eligibility, were included in a Draft Final Proposal filed with the Commission in January that was then subject to a public comment hearing and written stakeholder comments. The Final Proposal reflects changes based on those stakeholder comments.

Attorney Wiesner stated that the adopted Final Proposal would be submitted to the Legislative Budget Assistant with a request for an amended fiscal impact statement, after which it would be filed with the OLS and would likely appear on the April meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Following approval by that legislative committee, the Commission would be asked to adopt the final rules and specify their effective date.

Commissioner Giaimo made a motion to adopt the Final Proposal for readoption with amendments of the Puc Chapter 900 Rules, Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Rulemaking, Puc 1200, Uniform Administration of Utility Customer Relations Rules
Commission to Adopt Conditional Approval Response for Readoption of Rules with
Amendments

Chairwoman Martin asked Attorney Mary Schwarzer to briefly describe the status of the Puc Chapter 1200 Rules amendment process. Attorney Schwarzer explained that, on February 21, 2020, the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules conditionally approved the Final Proposal for the Puc 1200 rules, subject to the Commission's Request for Conditional Approval providing for deletion of an unnecessary date. She asked the Commission to review and adopt the Conditional Approval Response before them. She stated that, if adopted, the Conditional Approval Response would be filed with the OLS and anticipated that OLS would confirm that the Conditional Approval Response is consistent with the conditional approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Following approval, the Commission would be asked to adopt the final rules and specify their effective date .

Commissioner Bailey made a motion to adopt the Conditional Approval Response for the Puc Chapter 1200 Rules, Commissioner Giaimo seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

None.

4. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters

Chairwoman Martin stated that the next Commission meeting will be determined at a later date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Giaimo. The motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.