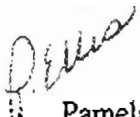


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Attached is the fiscal impact statement listed above. It should be reviewed and then submitted to the Division of Administrative Rules, Office of Legislative Services, in accordance with the N.H. Rulemaking Manual dated September 2001.

Attachment

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Fiscal Impact Statement for Public Utilities Commission rules governing Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation Resources of 100 Kilowatt or Less. [Puc 900]

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

When compared to the existing rule, the proposed rule will impact costs to state citizens and independently owned businesses with renewable energy electrical generating facilities of 100 kilowatts or less and is interconnected and operates in parallel with the electric grid. Citizens and independently owned businesses will be required to pay for an inspection of newly-installed facilities by a local building inspector or licensed electrician. The proposed rule raises the requirement for citizens and independently owned businesses to install a disconnect switch from electrical generating facilities of 10 kilowatts or fewer to 100 kilowatts or fewer.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

To the extent citizens and independently owned businesses own renewable energy generating facilities of 100 kilowatts or less which are interconnected and operate in parallel with the electric grid, there may be an impact on costs. Citizens and independently owned businesses will be required to pay for an inspection of newly-installed electrical generating facilities by a local building inspector or licensed electrician. Citizens and independently owned businesses with electrical generating facilities of 100 kilowatts or fewer will no longer be required to install a disconnect switch. There is no fiscal impact for political subdivisions.

C. To independently owned businesses:

See B, above.