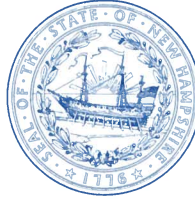


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Re: DRM 17-139, Rulemaking - N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1300
Utility Pole Attachment Rules Readoption and Amendment

To Interested Persons:

On August 29, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that a rulemaking docket be opened with respect to the readoption of and potential amendments to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1300, the Commission's rules relative to utility pole attachments. The Puc 1300 rules are due to expire eight years from their effective date, on December 11, 2017, and therefore they must be readopted pursuant to the provisions of RSA 541-A.

Staff's memorandum identified the following specific issues for consideration in connection with the rulemaking process:

- Should the Commission establish a process under which third-party pole maintenance operators are identified and authorized to act when pole owners are unable to complete make-ready work in accordance with agreed-upon schedules, similar to rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission?
- Should the Commission adopt rules to ensure that existing pole attachments not owned by the pole owner are moved in a timely fashion? If so, what form should such rules take?
- Are there innovations in pole attachment regulation in other states or in federal proceedings that the Commission should consider adopting?

To facilitate the rulemaking process, the Commission has opened docket DRM 17-139. In addition, the Commission has scheduled a technical session with interested stakeholders to consider and discuss issues regarding potential amendments to the Puc 1300 utility pole attachment rules.

This technical session will be held on October 6, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices.

Sincerely,

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