

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DRM 23-094

RULEMAKING

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc ch. 1900
Rate Case Expenses**

ORDER OF NOTICE

The Commission hereby provides notice of its intent to readopt with amendment N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc ch. 1900, Rate Case Expenses. The Puc 1900 rules govern the determination and recovery of rate proceedings expenses. The Puc 1900 rules define relevant terms used in the rule set, require Commission approval prior to recovery of rate case expenses, prescribe criteria for determining allowed rate case expenses, prescribe procedures for requesting approval of rate case expenses including reporting and documentation requirements, describe recoverable and non-recoverable expenses, and require that recovery of rate case expenses occur through rates as a surcharge. If the rules are not readopted, the determination and recovery of rate proceedings expenses would not be governed by rules and procedural, reporting, and documentation requirements would not be clear. The Puc 1900 rules were scheduled to expire 11-15-23 but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

These rules are substantially the same as the existing Puc 1900 rules, but contain amendments for the first time to reflect the establishment of the Department of Energy, which was created under RSA 12-P:2, I, including the transfer of audit functions to the Department of Energy.

A Notice of Rulemaking (Notice), as required by RSA 541-A:6, was published in New Hampshire's Rulemaking Register No. 47, dated November 22, 2023. In addition,

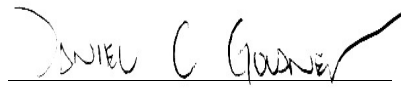
a copy of the Notice has been sent to all persons who have made a timely request for advance notice of Commission rulemaking proceedings, regulated utility companies, and shall be posted on the Commission's bulletin board and website. Pursuant to Puc 205.05 and RSA 541-A:11, a public hearing will be held at the Commission on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room A. Written comments will be accepted through Friday, January 19, 2024. The Notice as published in New Hampshire's Rulemaking Register and the Commission's initial proposal for rulemaking are posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2023/23-094.html>, or copies may be obtained from the Commission as set forth in the Notice.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Public Hearing, pursuant to RSA 541-A:11, to hear comment on the Commission's proposal to readopt with amendment N.H. Code Admin. R. Puc ch. 1900 will be held at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire in Hearing Room A, on January 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or by e-mail shall be January 19, 2024, as set forth in the Notice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, a copy of this Order of Notice shall be posted on the Commission's website and bulletin board within two business days of this order.

So ordered, this twenty-second day of November, 2023.


Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman

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