

Notice Number 2024-111

Rule Number Puc 100

1. Agency Name & Address:

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

2. RSA Authority: **RSA 365:8, I; RSA 541-A:16, I(a)**

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption **X**

Repeal **X**

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment **X**

5. Short Title: **Organizational Rules**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is proposing to adopt, readopt with amendment, readopt with amendment and renumber, or repeal all of the rules in Chapter Puc 100, which specifies the organizational rules for the Commission. The proposed rules contain Puc 101 Title Definitions, Puc 102 Description and Contact Information for the Commission, and Puc 103 Requests for Public Information.

Changes include new definitions for the following terms:

- **Chairman;**
- **Clerk's Office;**
- **Commissioner;**
- **Department;**
- **Governmental Authority;**
- **OCA;**
- **Public Utility; and**
- **Service List.**

Additional changes are being proposed to reflect the division of responsibilities between the Commission and the Department of Energy (Department), which was created under RSA 12-P:2, I by 2021, 91:187, effective 7-1-21.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

Puc 100 rules affect the Commission, public utility providers, the Department, Office of the Consumer Advocate, and members of the general public.

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

RULE	STATUTE
Puc 101.01 – Puc 101.12	RSA 363; RSA 365:8, I
Puc 102.01 – Puc 102.02	RSA 365:8, I
Puc 103.01	RSA 365:8, I

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: **July 26, 2024**

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:00 am**

Physical Location: **N.H. Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301**

Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

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

FIS # 24:110, dated 06/04/2024

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

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

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:**

None.

C. **To independently owned businesses:**

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire. They therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution by necessitating additional local expenditures by a political subdivision.