

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DRM 24-086

RULEMAKING

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc ch. 200
Procedural Rules**

ORDER OF NOTICE

The Commission hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt, readopt with amendment, or repeal all of the rules in Chapter Puc 200, which specifies the Procedural rules for the Commission. The proposal is a significant change from the current rules and is necessitated due to 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.

The intended action of the proposed rule is to codify the administrative changes that occurred after the creation of the Department. The current rule contains numerous outdated sections that no longer apply to the current Commission's format. The proposed rule set includes establishing three new forms. The forms include a notice of appearance, petitioner's automatic disclosures, and a structuring statement. Puc 203.07 clarifies that all requests for Commission action must be made in the form of a pleading. Additionally, significant changes to the Commission's discovery process can be seen in section Puc 204.01. The existing rules in Part Puc 201 through Part Puc 204 are being repealed or otherwise deleted and replaced by the following Parts:

- Puc 201- Scope and Purpose;
- Puc 202- Definitions;
- Puc 203- General Requirements; and
- Puc 204- Adjudicative Proceedings and Hearings.

The rules in Puc 205 on rulemaking are being readopted or readopted with amendments to make minor changes reflecting the division of responsibilities between the Commission and the Department, which was created under RSA 12-P:2, I. Puc 206 on alternative regulation is being proposed as a readoption without amendments. Puc 207 containing Puc 207.01 on declaratory rulings is being repealed and replaced by Puc 204.29 on the same subject.

As required by RSA 541-A:5, the Commission filed its initial proposal and request for a fiscal impact statement on May 30, 2024. Notice of Rulemaking (Notice), as required by RSA 541-A:6, was published in New Hampshire's Rulemaking Register No. 25, dated June 20, 2024. 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 Monday, July 16, at 9:00 a.m. in Hearing Room A. Written comments will be accepted through Wednesday, July 26, 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/2024/24-086.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 adopt, readopt with amendment, readopt with amendment and renumber, or repeal N.H. Code Admin. R. Puc ch. 200 will be held at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire in Hearing Room A, on July

16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or by e-mail shall be July 26, 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-first day of June, 2024.



Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman

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