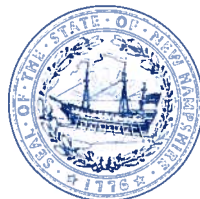


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Re: Group Net Metering Host Eligibility Under Senate Bill 321 of 2018

To Interested Persons:

Senate Bill 321 of 2018, enacted as 2018 N.H. Laws Chapter 212 (SB 321), amended RSA 362-A:9, XIV(a) to require that customers participating as members in a group net metering arrangement be "located within the service territory of the same electric distribution utility" as the group host, instead of requiring that such customers be "default service customers of the same electric distribution utility" as the group host, as the statute had previously provided.

The Commission interprets the SB 321 statutory amendment as providing that neither the group host nor any of the group members in a group net metering arrangement is required to be a default service customer of the relevant electric distribution utility. Instead, the host and members may be energy service customers of one or more competitive electric power suppliers rather than default service customers of the utility.

To the extent that any provisions of the Commission's current net metering rules, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 900, including, but not limited to, the definitions set forth in Puc 902.11, Puc 902.13, and Puc 902.16, are not consistent with that interpretation, the Commission deems that any such inconsistent rules provisions are superseded by the SB 321 statutory amendment until the Puc 900 rules are amended to reflect that statutory change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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