

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

June 26, 2020

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission meeting was held by remote access due to Covid-19 concerns.¹ The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2020. Chairwoman Dianne Martin, Commissioner Kathryn Bailey, and Commissioner Michael Giaimo were present.

Chairwoman Martin found that, due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Commission is authorized to meet electronically. She further stated that there is no physical location to observe and listen to this meeting which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, she confirmed that the Commission is utilizing Webex for the electronic meeting and all members of the Commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during the meeting using this platform. The public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, to participate. The Commission had previously given notice to the public of the necessary information for access to the public meeting.

The following matters were discussed and actions taken:

1. Approval of the April 9, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bailey noted a typographical correction on page 2 of the draft minutes; with the correction noted, Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the April 9, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Giaimo seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Commissioner Bailey voted yes. Commissioner Giaimo voted yes. Chairwoman Martin voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2, Rulemaking DRM 19-158 Puc 900, Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation of 1,000 Kilowatts or Less – Approve Conditional Approval Response for the Puc 900 Rules Amendments

Chairwoman Martin asked Attorney David Wiesner to summarize the rulemaking, and he explained this is the next to last step in adoption of a new set of amended Puc 900 net metering rules. On Friday, June 19, the Commission was before the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) with the final proposal for readoption with amendments of those rules. Prior to that meeting, the Commission submitted a conditional approval request to address comments raised by Eversource Energy as well as editorial and substantive comments received from the Office of Legislative Services

¹ See RSA 91-A, Executive Order 2020-04 paragraphs 8 and 18, Emergency Order #12 *Temporary modification of public access to meetings under RSA 91-A*, and Emergency Order #16 *Temporary prohibition on scheduled gatherings of 10 or more attendees*. See <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/>.

(OLS). The JLCAR conditionally approved the final proposal to readopt with amendments based on that conditional approval request.

Attorney Wiesner further explained that the next order of business is for the Commission to approve the conditional approval response, which will notify JLCAR through OLS that the Commission has approved the conditions approved by JLCAR. Once the conditional approval response has been filed with OLS and OLS has confirmed its acceptance, the Commission will be in a position to adopt the final rules with all the amendments incorporated and to set the effective date for the amended rules, which can be no more than 60 days after that date.

Commissioner Giaimo made a motion to approve the conditional approval response for submission to the Office of Legislative Services consistent with JLCAR's conditional approval of the final proposal for amendment of the Puc 900 Rules. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. Commissioner Bailey voted yes. Commissioner Giaimo voted yes. Chairwoman Martin voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

None.

4. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters

Chairwoman Martin stated that the next Commission meeting will be determined at a later date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Giaimo. There was a roll call vote. Commissioner Bailey voted yes. Commissioner Giaimo voted yes. Chairwoman Martin voted yes. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.