

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DRM 16-853**

**RULEMAKING**

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules  
Chapter Puc 2000, Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On November 21, 2016, the Commission voted pursuant to RSA 541-A to initiate a formal rulemaking for N.H. Code Admin. Rules Chapter 2000, Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules. The Commission's initial proposal represents a readoption of the existing Puc 2000 rules with extensive amendments.

The Puc 2000 rules set forth the regulations applicable to the registration of competitive electric power suppliers (CEPS) and electric load aggregators, reporting and financial obligations of CEPS and aggregators, requirements applicable to the terms of service and price disclosure of CEPS and aggregators, other consumer protection provisions applicable to CEPS and aggregators, investigation of complaints involving CEPS and aggregators, and enforcement of laws and rules applicable to CEPS and aggregators. Amendments to the existing rules include changes based on recent legislation addressing CEPS variable rate contracts, maintenance of a customer shopping comparison website, individual customer information privacy protection, and enhanced sanctions and enforcement authority. Other material amendments address registration application requirements, financial security provisions, registration time periods, customer disclosure and notice obligations, customer solicitation restrictions, enforcement procedures, sanctions and penalties, and the specific role of aggregators which are granted agency authority by their customers to select a CEPS on their behalf. The proposed amendments of and additions

to the rules are extensive, warranting, for the sake of clarity, the marking of all the existing rules as deleted in the Initial Proposal as filed, followed by the full text of the proposed amended rules. Upon completion of the formal rulemaking process, the proposed amended rules will replace the current version of Puc 2000.

A notice of rulemaking as required by RSA 541-A:6 (Notice), was filed with the Office of Legislative Services on December 9, 2016, and has been sent to all persons who have made a timely request for advance notice of these rulemaking proceedings as well as to the chairpersons of the relevant legislative standing policy committees. The Notice establishes a public hearing to be held at the Commission on January 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and a deadline for the submission of written comments on January 27, 2017. The Notice as published in the New Hampshire Rulemaking Register is appended hereto. Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, this Order of Notice will also be published on the Commission's website.

The Initial Proposal for readoption with amendments of the Puc 2000 rules may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-853.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, be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on January 19, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or by e-mail shall be January 27, 2017, as set forth in the Notice; and it is

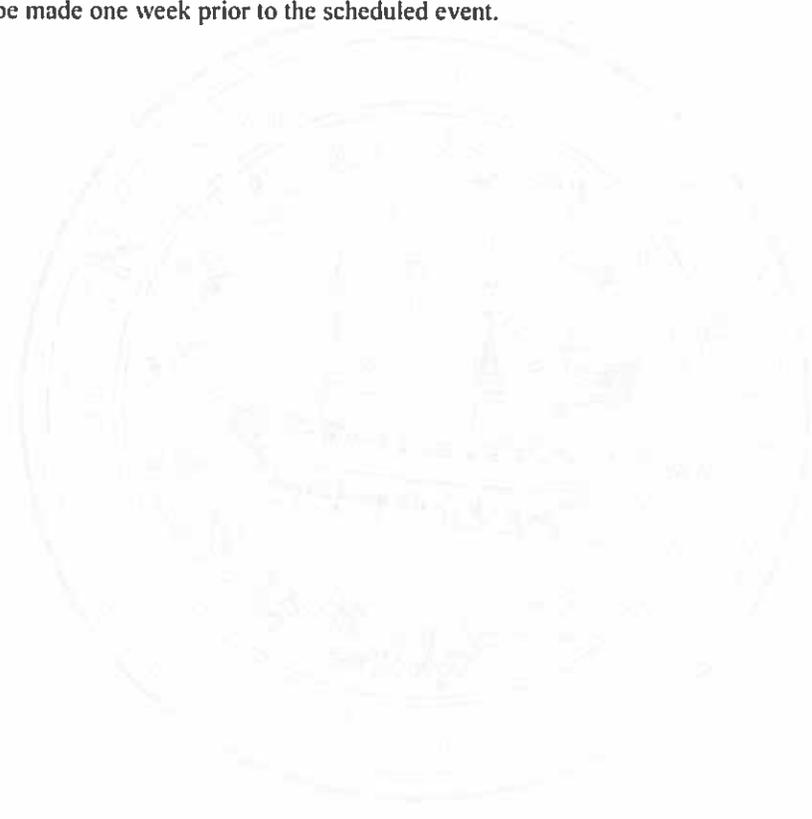
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Executive Director shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice on the Commission's website no later than December 29, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-seventh day  
of December, 2016.



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Executive Director

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