

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

RULEMAKING

Puc 200, Amendments to Rules of Practice and Procedure

DRM 14-149

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 4, 2014, the Commission voted pursuant to RSA 541-A to initiate a rulemaking for N. H. Code Admin. Rules PART Puc 200, Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission's Initial Proposal represents a readoption of certain existing Puc 200 rules with amendments, specifically, Puc 201.06, Puc 202.01(f-n), Puc 202.06, Puc 202.07, Puc 204.01-Puc 204.07, and Puc 205.06.

The Initial Proposal for the Puc 200 Rules contain the following proposed amendments:

Puc 201.06 sets forth an updated listing of routine filings for purposes of confidential treatment, pursuant to RSA 365:8, XIV (with specific categories of routine filings amended).

Puc 202.01 (f-n) provide guidance for persons and entities seeking certain Commission determinations (with amendments clarifying new requirements for telecommunications providers and renewable energy source certifications).

Puc 202.06 sets forth requirements for written communications to the Commission (with an amendment clarifying number of copies of materials filed in non-adjudicative proceedings).

Puc 202.07 provides guidance regarding signatures on filings made to the Commission (with an amendment clarifying acceptable categories of electronic signatures).

PART Puc 204 sets forth certain standards of conduct and related procedures governing the proceedings before the Commission related to complaints (with amendments clarifying procedures for complaints made to the Commission, including for non-utilities, and the role of informal complaint resolution).

Puc 205.06 sets forth certain standards of conduct and related procedures governing the proceedings before the Commission related to explanations of proposed Commission rules. It is being readopted without change.

Certain readoptions of these rules, without changes, are being proposed because the provisions were scheduled to expire on June 10, 2014, but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

A rulemaking notice form (Notice), as required by RSA 541-A:6, was filed with the Office of Legislative Services on June 9, 2014. The Notice establishes a public hearing to be held at the

Commission on July 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and a deadline for submission of written comments on August 4, 2014. That Notice is appended hereto. Pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, this Order of Notice will also be provided by public notice advertisement in a publication of daily statewide circulation.

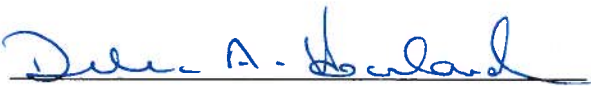
The readoption with amendment Initial Proposal may be viewed on the Commission website, <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2014/14-149.html>, or copies may be obtained from the Commission as set forth in the Notice.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Public Hearing, pursuant to 541-A:11, be held before the Commission located at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on July 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or via e-mail shall be August 4, 2014, as set forth in the Notice; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, the Commission shall undertake a public notice advertisement by publishing a copy of this Order together with the Notice no later than June 24, 2014, in a newspaper with a daily statewide circulation, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before July 18, 2014.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this sixteenth day of June, 2014.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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APPENDIX II-C

RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number

Rule Number

**Puc 201.06, 202.01 (f-n),
202.06, 202.07,
204.01-204.07, 205.06**

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

2. RSA Authority:

**RSA 365:8, XII;
365:8, XIV; 374-F:7, V;
365:8-a**

3. Federal Authority:

4. Type of Action:

Adoption

Amendment

Repeal

Readoption

Readoption w/amendment

X

X

X

5. Short Title: **Various Practice and Procedure Rules**

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6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

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

The rules affect regulated utilities and other persons in New Hampshire that make filings with the NH Public Utilities Commission, and persons that make complaints to the NH Public Utilities Commission.

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

Rule	Statute
Puc 201.06	RSA 365:8, XII; RSA 365:8, XIV
Puc 202.01 (f)-(m)	RSA 365:8, XII
Puc 202.01(n)	RSA 365:8, XII
Puc 202.06	RSA 365:8, XII
Puc 202.07	RSA 365:8, XII
Puc 204.01 - 204.06	RSA 365:1-5
Puc 204.07	RSA 365:8, XII; RSA 374-F:7; RSA 365:8-a
Puc 205.06	RSA 541-A:11, VII

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

Name: **Alexander Speidel**
Address: **N.H. Public Utilities Commission**
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Concord, NH 03301

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or dial 711 (in NH)

8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **August 4, 2014**

☒ Fax

☒ E-mail

☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **July 22, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**

Place: **21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10**
Hearing Room A
Concord, NH 03301

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

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FIS # 14:084 , dated June 9, 2014

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution: **The proposed rules do not make major modifications to an existing program or responsibility; rather, they make modest modifications within the ambit of the Commission's existing statutory authority. In any case, they do not assign any responsibility to any political subdivision, and therefore are not proposed in violation of Part I, Article 28-a.**

SERVICE LIST - EMAIL ADDRESSES - DOCKET RELATED

Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.

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