STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DRM 21-142

RULEMAKING

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter 2200 Municipal and County Aggregation Rules

ORDER OF NOTICE

In response to multiple petitions for rulemaking, on January 5, 2022, the Commission voted pursuant to RSA 541-A to initiate a formal rulemaking for N.H. Code Admin. Rules Chapter Puc 2200, Municipal and County Aggregation Rules. *See* Order No. 26,565 (January 10, 2022). The Commission adopted as its initial proposal for rulemaking the initial proposal submitted by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire in the instant docket.

The proposed Puc 2200 rules standardize the procedures by which opt-out community power aggregation plans are implemented by municipal or county community power aggregation committees to balance the interests of electric distribution utilities and their customers with the interests of community power aggregation committees. These standardized procedures address, among other things: the establishment or re-establishment opt-out community aggregation programs by community power aggregation committees; access to customer data maintained by regulated electric distribution utilities for planning and operation of community aggregation; the operation and termination of community aggregation programs, including metering, billing, and notice of commencement or termination of aggregation services and products; and purchase of receivables. If the rules are not adopted, delays in implementation of community power aggregation programs may result, including inconsistent relationships and data exchange between community power

aggregation committees and regulated electric distribution utilities, as well as delays in approval of community power aggregation plans pursuant to RSA 53-E:1, II.

A notice of rulemaking, as required by RSA 541-A:6, was filed with the Office of Legislative Services on this date and has been sent to all persons who have made a timely request for advance notice of these rulemaking proceedings. The Notice establishes a public hearing to be held at the Commission on March 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and a deadline for the submission of written comments of March 14, 2022. The Notice, as filed for publication in the New Hampshire Rulemaking Register, is appended hereto. This Order of Notice, including a copy of the Notice, will also be published on the Commission's website.

The initial proposal is posted to the Commission's website at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2021/21-142.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 March 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., and that the deadline for submission of materials in writing or by e-mail shall be March 14, 2022, 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 no later than February 4, 2022.

So ordered, this third day of February, 2022.

Daniel C. Goldner
Presiding Officer
Chairman

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