

APPENDIX II-F

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT
REQUEST FOR AMENDED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FIS Number 19-165

Rule Number Puc 900

1. Agency Name & Address: Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301	2. Date First Notice Published in <u>Rulemaking Register:</u> <u>09/26/19</u>
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3. Short Title: **Puc 900 – Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation Resources of 1,000 Kilowatts or Less**

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As a result of notice and hearing, the following changes (described below or in an attachment) have been made to this proposed rule which affect the original fiscal impact statement, and the agency hereby requests an amended fiscal impact statement:

The Final Proposal for the Public Utilities Commission’s Puc 900 rules for net metering for customer-owned renewable energy generation resources of 1,000 kilowatts or less includes substantial changes from the Initial Proposal. Those changes are intended primarily to: (1) address stakeholders’ comments on the Initial Proposal; (2) address Office of Legislative Services Administrative Rules Division’s comments on the Initial Proposal; (3) include provisions required under Senate Bill 165 (2019) for utility on-bill crediting and additional monetary credit incentives for eligible low-moderate income community solar projects; and (4) include definition revisions and specific provisions in Puc 903.03 to address when multiple projects will be deemed a single facility for purposes of net metering eligibility.

The on-bill crediting and related group net metering administration requirements of the Puc 900 rules, if amended as set forth in the Final Proposal, may result in additional costs incurred by electric distribution utilities. The amount of any such additional costs is currently indeterminate. The project eligibility, group host registration, annual and quarterly reporting, and low-moderate income verification requirements of the Puc 900 rules, if amended as set forth in the Final Proposal, may result in additional costs incurred by project developers, customer-generators, and other small businesses operating in the state. The amount of any such additional costs is indeterminate.

However, any costs associated with this rule are the direct result of RSA 362-A:9, as amended by Senate Bill 165 (2019), and orders of the Commission issued pursuant to its express authority under that statute. The Commission has identified no additional costs mandated solely by the rule, and there are still no direct costs to the state as a result of the proposed rule or the existing rule.

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