

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**April 15, 2024** - 10:06 a.m.  
21 South Fruit Street  
Suite 10  
Concord, NH

**RE: DRM 24-039 RULEMAKING:**

New Hampshire Code of Administrative  
Rules Puc Chapter 400 Rules for  
Telephone Utilities.

**RUL 2024-003 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:**

New Hampshire Code of Administrative  
Rules En Chapter 400 Rules for  
Telephone Utilities.

***(Joint hearing to receive public comment)***

**PRESENT:**

Sarah Fuller, Esq.  
PUC Legal Advisor/Hearings Examiner  
*(Presiding as Presiding Officer for PUC)*

Marie-Helene Bailinson, Esq.  
DOE Legal Division/Hearings Examiner  
*(Presiding as Presiding Officer for DOE)*

Tracey Russo, Clerk

Susan Gagne, Dept. of Energy

**APPEARANCES:** ***(No appearances taken)***

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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**P R O C E E D I N G**

PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: Good morning.

Today is April 15th, 2024. It is now 10:06 in the morning. We waited six minutes for a 10:00 a.m. public hearing. We're here for the Joint Public Comment Hearing relating to the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Energy's Chapter 400 rules concerning telephone utilities.

These rule sets, when taken together, is not -- or, are not intended to substantially change the existing rules. Rather, they're intended to reflect the division of regulatory responsibilities between the Commission and the Department of Energy following the establishment of the Department in July 2021.

My name is Sarah Fuller. I'm a Hearing Advisor at the Commission. I'll serve as the Designee for the Chairman of the Commission for this hearing.

This hearing occurs in Commission Docket DRM 24-039. Notice of the Public Comment Hearing for Puc 400 was published in the Rulemaking Registrar on March 7th of 2024, under

1 Notice Number 2024-31.

2 I'm going to let Attorney Bailinson,  
3 from the Department of Energy, introduce herself  
4 and her rule set.

5 PRESIDING OFCR. BAILINSON: Good  
6 morning. My name is Marie-Helene Bailinson. I'm  
7 a Hearings Examiner at the New Hampshire  
8 Department of Energy, serving as the Designee for  
9 the Commissioner of the Department.

10 The Department is here to receive  
11 public comments relative to proposed En 400,  
12 rules for telephone utilities, as Attorney Fuller  
13 described prior. Notice of the Public Comment  
14 Hearing was published in the Rulemaking Register  
15 on March 14, 2024.

16 That's it.

17 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: Thank you.

18 So, this is a Joint Public Comment  
19 Hearing on these proposed rule sets. I only see  
20 Mr. Sean Carroll, who's in our room, from  
21 Comcast, correct, sir?

22 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

23 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: But you have  
24 indicated that you do not wish to speak today,

1 and were just coming to observe, correct?

2 MR. CARROLL: Correct. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: There is no  
4 other parties present in the room that are not  
5 employees of either the Department of Energy or  
6 the Public Utilities Commission, and nobody else  
7 has sought their intention to speak at today's  
8 public comment hearing.

9 Because nobody has presented themselves  
10 to speak, I'm going to adjourn this hearing.  
11 I'll note that the PUC is accepting written  
12 comments through Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024.  
13 There are instructions on how to submit those  
14 public comments in the PUC's Rulemaking Notice.  
15 Any written comments for the Commission's  
16 consideration need to be filed there.

17 Joint comments, if a party was going to  
18 file a joint comment to the Commission or the  
19 DOE's proposed rules are acceptable to the  
20 Commission.

21 And, Attorney Bailinson?

22 PRESIDING OFCR. BAILINSON: Yes. I  
23 failed to mention that, along with me is Sue  
24 Gagne, who works for the Department as well.

1           Yes. The Department of Energy is also  
2           accepting written comments through April 23,  
3           2024. As Attorney Fuller mentioned, the  
4           instructions on how to submit those are in the  
5           Department's Notice.

6           Comments addressing both the En and Puc  
7           proposals are also acceptable to the Department.

8           And that's all I have.

9           PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: So, that  
10          concludes today's hearing.

11          Sir, I know you didn't talk, but thank  
12          you for coming today.

13          MR. CARROLL: My pleasure. Thank you  
14          for having me.

15          PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: All right.  
16          Take care. And this hearing is adjourned.

17                ***(Whereupon the hearing was adjourned***  
18                ***at 10:10 a.m.)***