

Notice Number 2024-95Rule Number Puc 300

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority: RSA 365:8, I(b), (e), (l)

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption _____

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment X5. Short Title: **Rules for Electric Service**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is proposing to readopt with amendment the existing Chapter Puc 300 to reflect the division of electric service regulatory responsibilities between the Commission and the Department of Energy (Department), which was created under RSA 12-P:2, I, after consultation between the two agencies. The Department is concurrently adopting its own rules related to Electric Service. Taken together, the Commission's proposed rules and the Department's proposed En 300 rules maintain the existing extent and scope of state regulation of electric service as is currently reflected in Chapter Puc 300.

The Commission is proposing to readopt with amendment, in substantially the same form as the existing rules, rules that specify standard procedures, general business rules for electric service in order to enable them to comply with relevant laws.

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Proposed amendments include the removal of existing parts of rules governing master metering, meter reading, quality of electric service, equipment and facilities, other reporting, and enforcement procedures which the Department intends to adopt as part of Chapter En 300 in a rulemaking proceeding that will occur contemporaneously with this proposed action. Proposed amendments also include edits, updates, clarifying changes, and cross references to the Department's proposed rule set.

The existing rules are scheduled to expire May 21, 2024 but are subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

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

Puc 300 rules generally apply to any public utility providing electric service to the public in the state of New Hampshire and their customers. Puc 301.01(b) indicates the provisions of the rules that apply to the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.

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

Rule	Statute
Puc 301.01 and Puc 301.02	RSA 365:8,I(g); RSA 362:2; RSA 362:4-c
Puc 302.01 - Puc 302.08	RSA 365:8, I(g)
Puc 303.01	RSA 374:15; RSA 378:1
Puc 303.02	RSA 365:8,I(g); RSA 374:1; RSA 374-F:3,I
Puc 307.01 - Puc 307.05	RSA 365:8,I(g); RSA 374:8:13
Puc 308.01 - Puc 308.06	RSA 365:8, I(g); RSA 374:5

Rule	Statute
Puc 310.01 - Puc 310.06	RSA 365:8, I(g)
Puc 311.01 and Puc 311.02	RSA 365:8, I(g); RSA 374:28-a

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

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

☐ Fax ☒ E-mail ☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Monday, June 24, 2024 at 8:30 am**

Physical Location: **N.H. Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301**

Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

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

FIS # 24:097, dated 05/10/2024

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

The proposed rules readopt with amendment the existing Puc 300 to reflect the division of electric service regulatory responsibilities between the Commission and the Department of Energy, which was created under RSA 12-P:2, I, after consultation between the two agencies. The proposed rules, along with the Department's proposed En 300 rules, will maintain the existing extent and scope of state regulation of electric service as is currently reflected in Puc 300.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision of the state of New Hampshire. They therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution by necessitating additional local expenditures by a political subdivision.