SENATE BILL 321

AN ACT relative to group host net energy metering.


COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirements that net energy metering group host customers be default service customers of the same electric distribution utility as the host and that they are responsible for certain costs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics.** Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.] Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

212:1 Net Energy Metering; Group Host Requirements. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(a) to read as follows:

XIV.(a) A customer-generator may elect to become a group host for the purpose of reducing or otherwise controlling the energy costs of a group of customers who are not customer-generators. The group of customers shall be [default service customers] located within the service territory of the same electric distribution utility as the host. The host shall provide a list of the group members to the commission and the electric distribution utility and shall certify that all members of the group have executed an agreement with the host regarding the utilization of kilowatt hours produced by the eligible facility and that the total historic annual load of the group members together with the host exceeds the projected annual output of the host's facility. The commission shall verify that these group requirements have been met, shall review the executed agreements for compliance with this section, and shall register the group host. The commission shall establish the process for registering hosts, including periodic re-registration, and the process by which changes in membership are allowed and administered. Net metering tariffs under this section shall not be made available to a customer-generator group host until such host is registered by the commission.

212:2 Repeal. RSA 362-A:9, XIV(d), relative to group host responsibilities for costs, is repealed.

212:3 Net Energy Metering; Group Host Requirements; Contingent Version. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(a) to read as follows:

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212:4 Contingency. If SB 367 of the 2018 regular legislative session becomes law, then section 3 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the effective date of SB 367, and section 1 of this act shall not take effect. If SB 367 does not become law, section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage and section 3 of this act shall not take effect.

212:5 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1 and 3 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 4 of this act.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 08, 2018
Effective Date:
I. Sections 1 and 3 shall take effect as provided in section 4.
II. Remainder shall take effect August 7, 2018.