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HOUSE BILL **148**

AN ACT allowing increased net energy metering limits for municipal hydroelectric facilities.

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the electric generating capacity of municipal hydroelectric facilities who may participate in net energy metering to 5 megawatts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT allowing increased net energy metering limits for municipal hydroelectric facilities.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Net Energy Metering; Definition of Customer-Generator; Municipal Hydroelectric Increase.

2 Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b to read as follows:

3 II-b. "Eligible customer-generator" or "customer-generator" means an electric utility
4 customer who owns, operates, or purchases power from an electrical generating facility either
5 powered by renewable energy or which employs a heat led combined heat and power system, with
6 ***either*** a ~~[total peak-generating]~~ ***nameplate or maximum rated*** capacity of up to and including one
7 megawatt, ***or, for a municipal hydroelectric generation facility, up to and including 5***
8 ***megawatts, and*** that is located behind a retail meter on the customer's premises, is interconnected
9 and operates in parallel with the electric grid, and is used to offset the customer's own electricity
10 requirements ***in the first instance***. Incremental generation added to an existing generation
11 facility, that does not itself qualify for net metering, shall qualify if such incremental generation
12 meets the qualifications of this paragraph and is metered separately from the nonqualifying facility.

13 2 Net Energy Metering; Net Effects. Amend RSA 362-A:9, VII to read as follows:

14 VII.(a) A distribution utility may perform an annual calculation to determine the net effect
15 this section had on its default service and distribution revenues and expenses in the prior calendar
16 year. The method of performing the calculation and applying the results, as well as a reconciliation
17 mechanism to collect or credit any such net effects with appropriate carrying charges and credits
18 applied, shall be determined by the commission.

19 (b) ***For the purposes of accounting for any exports to the distribution grid by***
20 ***customer-generators, such exports shall be treated as reductions to the customer-***
21 ***generator's electricity supplier's wholesale load obligation for energy supply as a load***
22 ***serving entity, net of any applicable line loss adjustments as approved by the commission.***

23 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.