

Amendment to SB 270

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Net Energy Metering; Community Solar Program. RSA 362-A:9, XIV(d) and (e) are repealed
4 and reenacted to read as follows:

5 (d) The electric distribution utilities shall establish a list of potential low-moderate
6 income residential customers who qualify to benefit from the low-moderate income community solar
7 addition. This list shall consist of residents who have enrolled in or are on the waitlist for the state
8 Electric Assistance Program.

9 (e) Within 90 days of the effective date of this subparagraph, the department of energy
10 shall develop a process by which community solar developers can apply for designation as a
11 community solar project. Such projects designate their production for the benefit of households on
12 the list required in subparagraph (d). Such projects will qualify for the low-moderate income solar
13 addition as established in subparagraph (c) and shall specify the amount of on-bill credit they can
14 offer to low-moderate income homeowners. Annually, the number of projects designated as low-
15 moderate income community solar shall not exceed a total nameplate capacity rating of 6 megawatts
16 in the aggregate. If more than 6 megawatts of projects apply for designation, the department of
17 energy shall select the projects that offer the largest on-bill credit.

18 (f) Each year, the department of energy, in consultation with the electric distribution
19 utilities, shall select a means by which to enroll households as off-takers for these low-moderate
20 income community solar projects. Customers shall be enrolled on an opt-out basis, notified by mail
21 of their enrollment, and informed of the details of the project from which they are receiving credit.
22 Once enrolled, such customers shall receive on-bill credits until such time as they no longer qualify
23 for the Electric Assistance Program, or until they opt out from receiving credits.

24 (g) All reasonable and prudently-incurred costs incurred by the electric distribution
25 utilities related to this program, including but not limited to, costs of implementation, billing, and
26 administrative activities, shall not be borne by the utilities, but shall be recovered from customers.

27 (h) Utility owned projects that are designated as community solar projects shall not
28 count against the limitation on the maximum allowed distributed energy resources as established by
29 RSA 374-G:4.

30 (i) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude low-moderate income solar community projects
31 from enrolling customers through any other method besides the process described in subparagraphs
32 (d)-(f). A description of any alternative method used shall be filed with department of energy.

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1 (j) The department is authorized to petition the commission to assess fines against,
2 revoke the registration of, and prohibit from doing business in the state, any group host which
3 violates the requirements of this paragraph and rules adopted for this paragraph pursuant to
4 paragraph X. The commission is authorized to grant or deny such petitions.