CHAPTER 130 HB 1600 – FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL 1600

AN ACT relative to reporting of energy production for net metering.

SPONSORS: Rep. McNamara, Hills 38

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the public utilities commission to permit owners of certain sources of renewable energy generation to report production electronically to an independent monitor.

This bill also modifies the definition of "eligible customer-generator."

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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

130:1 Renewable Electric Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Certificates; Procedures. Amend RSA 362-F:6, II to read as follows:

II. The commission shall establish procedures by which electricity and useful thermal energy production not tracked by ISO-New England from customer-sited sources, including behind the meter production, may be included within the certificate program, provided such sources are located in New Hampshire. The procedures may include the aggregation of sources and shall be compatible with procedures of the certificate program administrator, where possible. The production shall be monitored and verified by an independent entity designated by the commission, which may include electric distribution companies, or by such other means as the commission finds adequate in verifying that such production is occurring. For customer-sited sources under 15 kilowatts in capacity, the commission shall not require the independent monitors to perform an annual site visit, and shall allow the owner of the customer-sited source to electronically report production monthly to an independent monitor.

130:2 Renewable Energy Certificates. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b to read as follows:

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

- 24 130:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
- 25 Approved: June 16, 2014
- 26 Effective Date: August 15, 2014