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HOUSE BILL **672-FN**

AN ACT to allow for off-grid electricity providers in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Vose, Rock. 5; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. McFarlane, Graf. 18; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill defines "off-grid electricity providers" and establishes a specific category for off-grid electricity providers, exempting them from certain regulations as long as they remain independent from the regulated electric grid.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Off-Grid Electricity Provider. Amend RSA 374 by inserting after section 3-b the
2 following new section:

3 374:3-c Off-Grid Electricity Provider.

4 I. In this section:

5 (a) "Off-grid electricity provider" means an entity, person, private company, electric
6 cooperative, municipal agency, or otherwise, that engages in any combination of generating,
7 transmitting, distributing, or selling electricity at retail to consumers; is not connected to any
8 existing electric transmission or distribution system within the state for either primary or backup
9 supply, operates independently of existing utilities and other regulated entities, is not located within
10 or crosses any federal, state, or municipal roadway or right-of-way, or cross state boundaries. Off-
11 grid electricity providers are not public utilities.

12 (b) "Begins operations" means the date on which the off-grid electricity provider first
13 generates, transmits, distributes, or sells electricity within the state.

14 II. An off-grid electricity provider that begins operations on or after the effective date of this
15 section shall be exempt from RSA Title XXXIV. Each off-grid electricity provider shall remain
16 subject to all other applicable laws and regulations, such as municipal and state highway safety
17 regulations, and RSA 162-H, unless specifically excluded from those laws or regulations by a
18 separate act.

19 III. At anytime, if an off-grid electricity provider elects to connect to any portion of an
20 existing electric transmission or distribution system within the state for either primary or backup
21 supply, locates within or crosses any federal, state, or municipal roadway or right-of-way, or crosses
22 state boundaries, it shall cease being an "off-grid electricity provider" and immediately become
23 subject to the provisions of RSA Title XXXIV.

24 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**HB 672-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, as amended, has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None