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HOUSE BILL **221**

AN ACT relative to assessment of cost effectiveness of the systems benefit charge.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the assessment of system benefit charges cost effectiveness.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Restructuring Policy Principals. Amend RSA 374-F:3, VI-a(d)(4) to read as follows:

2 (4) Cost Effectiveness. [~~For the purpose of the March 1, 2022 filing, and future plan~~
3 ~~offerings,]~~ The commission's review of the cost effectiveness shall be based upon the latest
4 completed and available Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study for New England, the results of any
5 Evaluation, Measurement, and Valuation studies contracted for by the department of energy or joint
6 utilities, incorporate savings impacts associated with free-ridership for those programs and
7 measures where such free-ridership may have a material impact on savings figures[~~—and use the~~].
8 ***When reviewing cost effectiveness for program years through and including 2026, the***
9 ***commission shall*** use the Granite State Test as the primary test, with the addition of the Total
10 Resource Cost test as a secondary test. ***The commission may consider modifications to the***
11 ***Granite State Test and different or additional tests developed through an adjudicative***
12 ***process and approve them by order prior to the commencement of any triennium period***
13 ***beginning with program year 2027, provided such order is issued no less than 12 months***
14 ***prior to the beginning of the triennium period to which the test is to be applied. In any***
15 ***review, the*** commission shall use benefit per unit cost as only one factor in considering whether the
16 utilities have prioritized program offerings appropriately among and within customer classes. In no
17 instance shall an electric utility's planned electric system savings fall below 65 percent of its overall
18 planned annual energy savings.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.