

HB 654-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **654-FN**

AN ACT relative to allowing small customer-generators the ability to participate in group-net metering.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35; Rep. Muns, Rock. 29; Rep. Parshall, Ches. 8; Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows group hosts who are customer-generators to form a group with any customer, including those who are also customer-generators.

II. Requires any future rules by the commission to allow small customer-generators to be members of a group for net metering.

III. Requires any agency that issues rules affecting group net metering must also ensure that small customer-generators are allowed to be members of a group for net metering.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act; Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA
2 362-A:9, XIV(a) to read as follows:

3 XIV.(a)(1) A customer-generator may elect to become a group host for the purpose of
4 reducing or otherwise controlling the energy costs of a group of customers [~~who are not customer-~~
5 ~~generators~~], except that a political subdivision, as defined in RSA 362-A:1-a, II-c, or the owner of a
6 facility described in RSA 362-A:9, XX, that is a customer-generator, may participate as a group
7 member. The group of customers shall be located within the service territory of the same electric
8 distribution utility as the host. The host shall provide a list of the group members to the commission
9 and the electric distribution utility and shall certify that all members of the group have executed an
10 agreement with the host regarding the utilization of kilowatt hours produced by the eligible facility
11 and that the total historic annual load of the group members together with the host exceeds the
12 projected annual output of the host's facility. The department shall verify that these group
13 requirements have been met and shall register the group host. The department shall establish the
14 process for registering hosts, including periodic re-registration, and the process by which changes in
15 membership are allowed and administered. Net metering tariffs under this section shall not be
16 made available to a customer-generator group host until such host is registered by the department.

17 ***(2) The public utilities commission shall adopt rules to ensure that small***
18 ***customer-generators are allowed to participate as members of a group for net metering.***
19 ***Any current or future commission rules shall allow small customer-generators to be***
20 ***members of a group for net metering. Agencies other than the commission that adopt rules***
21 ***affecting group net metering must also ensure that small customer-generators are allowed***
22 ***to be members of a group for net metering. "Small customer-generator" means a customer-***
23 ***generator whose facility has a total maximum generating capacity of not more than 100***
24 ***kilowatts alternating current.***

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 654-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill as it is awaiting information from the Department of Energy and Public Utilities Commission. The Department and Commission were contacted on 12/31/24 for a fiscal note worksheet. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Energy and Public Utilities Commission