

Amendment to SB 228-FN

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

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3 1 Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(a) to read as follows:

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

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22 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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24 3 Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(c)(2) to read as follows:

25 (2) On or before July 1, 2022, the department shall report on the costs and benefits
26 of such an addition and the development of the market for low-moderate income community solar
27 projects, and provide a recommendation on whether the addition shall be increased or decreased.
28 The department shall report on the costs and benefits of low-moderate income community solar
29 projects, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a on or before June 1, 2020. The department shall authorize
30 at least 2 new low-moderate income community solar projects, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, X-a, each
31 year in each utility's service territory beginning January 1, 2020. On an annual basis, for all group
32 host systems except for residential systems with an interconnected capacity under 15 kilowatts, the

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1 electric distribution utility shall calculate a payment adjustment if the host's surplus **compensation**
2 **for** generation for which it was paid is greater than the group's total electricity [~~usage~~] **costs** during
3 the same time period. **Compensation under the net metering tariffs shall not exceed the total**
4 **costs of the group members.** [~~The adjustment shall be such that the resulting compensation to the~~
5 ~~host for the amount that exceeded the group's total usage shall be at the utility's avoided cost or its~~
6 ~~default service rate in accordance with subparagraph V(b) or paragraph VI or alternative tariffs that~~
7 ~~may be applicable pursuant to paragraph XVI]. The utility shall pay or bill the host accordingly.~~

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9 Amend the bill by replacing sections 7 and 8 with the following:

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11 7 Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(e) to read as follows:

12 XIV.(e) The department of energy, by rule or order, shall develop a process by which
13 community solar developers can apply for designation as a community solar project for new solar
14 arrays. Such projects designate their production for the benefit of households on the list required in
15 subparagraph (d). Such projects will qualify for the low-moderate income solar addition as
16 established in subparagraph (c) and shall specify the amount of on-bill credit they can offer to low-
17 moderate income households. Annually, the number of projects designated as low-moderate income
18 community solar shall not exceed a total nameplate capacity rating of [6] **18** megawatts in the
19 aggregate. If more than [6] **18** megawatts of projects apply for designation, the department of
20 energy shall select the projects that offer the largest on-bill credit and that demonstrates project
21 readiness.

22 8 Definitions. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-c to read as follows:

23 II-c. "Municipal host" means a customer generator with a total peak generating capacity of
24 greater than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts used to offset the electricity requirements of a
25 group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are political subdivisions, provided that
26 all customers are located within the same utility franchise service territory. A municipal host may
27 be owned by either a public or private entity. For this definition, "political subdivision" means the
28 state of New Hampshire or any city, town, county, school district, chartered public school, village
29 district, school administrative unit, [~~or any district or entity created for a special purpose~~
30 ~~administered or funded by any of the above-named governmental units]~~ **nonprofit educational**
31 **institutions, or any district or entity created for a special purpose administered or funded**
32 **by any of the above-mentioned governmental units; such districts or entities include public**
33 **housing authorities.**

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35 Amend the bill by deleting section 4 and renumbering the original sections 5 through 9 to read as 4
36 through 8, respectively.