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| AN ACT | relative to the aggregation of electric customers. | | | | |
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| COMMITTEE: | Science, Technology and Energy | | | | |

ANALYSIS

This bill revises the procedures applicable to municipal or county aggregators and municipal electric utilities for the aggregation of energy services.

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removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 One

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| | Be it l | Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened: |
| 1 | 1 Aggrega | ation of Electric Customers; Definition; Aggregation. Amend RSA 53-E:2, I to read as |
| 2 | follows: | |
| 3 | I. "A | ggregation" means the grouping of retail electric customers to provide, broker, or |
| 4 | contract for [e | lectric power supply and] energy services for such customers. |
| 5 | 2 New Pa | ragraph; Definition; Energy Services. Amend RSA 53-E:2 by inserting after paragraph |
| 6 | V the followin | g new paragraph: |
| 7 | V-a. " | Energy services" means the provision of electric power supply solely or in combination |
| 8 | with any or al | l of the services specified in RSA 53-E:3. |
| 9 | 3 Municip | oal and County Authority; Agreements. Amend RSA 53-E:3, II(a) to read as follows: |
| 10 | II.(a) | Enter into agreements and provide for <i>energy services, specifically</i> : |
| 11 | | (1) The supply of electric power and capacity. |
| 12 | | (2) Demand side management. |
| 13 | | (3) Conservation. |
| 14 | | (4) Meter reading, with commission approval for meters owned or controlled |
| 15 | by the electri | c distribution utilities or used for load settlement. |
| 16 | | (5) Customer service for aggregation provided services. |
| 17 | | (6) Other related services. |
| 18 | | (7) The operation of energy efficiency and clean energy districts adopted by a |
| 19 | municipality p | oursuant to RSA 53-F and as approved by the municipality's governing body. |
| 20 | 4 Municip | oal Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:3-a to read as follows: |
| 21 | 53-E:3-a | Municipal Aggregators Authorized. Municipal aggregators of electricity load under |
| 22 | this chapter, a | and municipalities operating municipal electric utilities under RSA 38, are expressly |
| 23 | authorized to | aggregate [other] energy services [commonly and regularly billed to customers] as |
| 24 | described in | RSA 53-E:3. Municipalities may operate approved aggregation programs as self- |
| 25 | supporting en | terprise funds including the use of revenue bonds pursuant to RSA 33-B and RSA 374- |
| 26 | D and loans fi | rom other municipal enterprise funds as may be approved by the governing body and |
| 27 | the legislative | body of the municipality. Any such loans from other municipal enterprise funds shall |
| 28 | be used for pu | urposes that have a clear nexus to the primary purposes of such other funds, such as |
| 29 | generation, st | torage, or sale of power generated from sites, facilities, or resources that might |
| 30 | otherwise be | operated or produced by the other enterprise fund. Nothing in this chapter shall be |
| 31 | deemed to lim | it the capacity of customers to select any service or combination of services offered by |

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such municipal aggregators or to limit the municipality from combining billing for [any or all utility]
 energy services with other municipal services.

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5 Regulation of Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:4, I to read as follows:

I. An aggregator operating under this chapter shall not be considered a *public* utility [engaging in the wholesale purchase and resale of electric power] under RSA 362:2 and shall not be considered a municipal utility under RSA 38. [Providing electric power or energy services to aggregated customers within a municipality or county shall not be considered a wholesale utility transaction. However,] A municipal or county aggregation may elect to participate in the ISO New England wholesale energy market as a load serving entity for the purpose of procuring or selling electrical energy or capacity on behalf of its participating retail electric customers, including itself.

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6 Regulation of Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:4, IV to read as follows:

12 IV. For the purpose of obtaining interval meter data for load settlement, the provision of 13 energy services, and near real-time customer access to such data, a municipal and county aggregator 14 may contribute to the cost of electric utility provided meter upgrades, jointly own revenue grade 15meters with an electric utility, or provide its own revenue grade electric meter, which would be in 16 addition to a utility provided meter[-]. Such metering shall only be implemented subject to the commission finding it is in the public good, assuring that meters used for distribution tariff 17 18 implementation remain under the control and majority ownership of the electric 19 distribution utility, and [approval of] otherwise approving the terms and conditions for such 20 arrangements, including sharing or transfer of meter data from and to the electric distribution utility. $\mathbf{21}$

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7 Financial Responsibility. Amend RSA 53-E:5 to read as follows:

53-E:5 Financial Responsibility. Retail electric customers who choose not to participate in an aggregation program adopted under RSA 53-E:7 shall not be responsible for, and no entity shall require them to pay, any costs associated with such program, through taxes or otherwise except for electric power supply or energy services consumed directly by the municipality or county, or incidental costs, which may include costs necessary to comply with the provisions of this chapter up to the time that the aggregation starts to produce revenue from participating customers, but shall not include any capitalized or operating costs of an aggregation program.

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8 Electric Aggregation Plan. Amend RSA 53-E:6, I to read as follows:

I. The governing body of a municipality or county may form an electric aggregation committee to develop a plan for an aggregation program for its citizens. A municipality or county may join other municipalities or counties in developing such plans. A county plan may provide an aggregation program for all or a subset of municipalities within the county that request to participate by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies.

36 9 Aggregation Program. RSA 53-E:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

37 53-E:7 Aggregation Program.

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I. The governing body of a municipality or county may submit to its legislative body for adoption a final plan for an aggregation program or any revision to include an opt-out aggregation program, to be approved by a majority of those present and voting.

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4 II. Every electric aggregation plan and any revision of a plan to include an opt-out default 5 service program shall be submitted to the commission, either before or after being submitted by the 6 governing body to the legislative body for approval, to determine whether the plan conforms to the 7 requirements of this chapter and applicable rules of the commission. The commission shall approve 8 any plan submitted to it unless it finds that it does not meet the requirements of this chapter and 9 other applicable rules and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the 10 municipalities or counties concerned, the specific respects in which the proposed plan substantially 11 fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and applicable rules. Failure to disapprove a plan 12 submitted hereunder within 60 days of its submission shall constitute approval thereof. Α 13 municipality or county may submit a plan that is revised to comply with applicable requirements at 14 any time and start the review process over. Any plan submitted to the commission under this 15 paragraph shall also be submitted on the same date to the office of the consumer advocate under 16 RSA 363:28 and any electric distribution utility providing service within the jurisdiction of the 17 municipality or county. The consumer advocate, utilities, and members of the public may file 18 comments about such plans within the first 21 days of their submission. Commission review and 19 approval of electric aggregation plans shall not require a contested case but shall allow time for 20submission and consideration of any such comments.

21III. If the plan is adopted or once adopted is revised to include an opt-out service, the 22municipality or county shall mail written notification to each retail electric customer within the 23 municipality or county service area. To enable such mailed notification and notwithstanding RSA 24 363:38, after an aggregation plan is duly approved the electric distribution utility or utilities serving 25an adopting municipality or county shall provide to such municipality or county a current list of the 26 names and mailing addresses of all electric customers taking distribution service within the 27 municipality or county service area, and for such customers on utility provided default service, the 28 account numbers and any other information necessary for successful enrollment in the aggregation. 29 Notification shall include a description of the aggregation program, the implications to the 30 municipality or county, and the rights and responsibilities that the participants will have under the 31 program, and if provided on an opt-out basis, the fixed rate or charges that will apply. No retail 32 electric customer shall be included in a program in which the customer does not know all of the rates 33 or charges the customer may be subject to at least 30 days in advance and has the option, for a 34 period of not less than 30 days from the date of the mailing, to opt out of being enrolled in such 35 program, unless the customer affirmatively responds to the notification or requests in writing to be 36 included in the program.

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IV. Within 15 days after notification of the plan has been sent to retail electric customers in
 the service area, a public information meeting to answer questions on the program shall be held.

3 V. Services proposed to be offered by or through the aggregation shall be on an opt-in basis 4 unless the adopted aggregation plan explicitly creates an opt-out alternative default energy service 5 program where the rate or price is known at least 30 days in advance of its application and, for a 6 period of not less than 30 days from the date notification is mailed, the customer has the opportunity 7 to opt out of being enrolled in such program, by return postcard, website, or such additional means 8 as may be provided. Customers who are on default service provided by an electric distribution utility 9 shall be enrolled by the aggregator in an aggregation provided alternative default service if they do 10 not elect to opt out. Customers opting out will instead remain on utility provided default service. Customers taking energy service from a competitive electricity supplier shall not be enrolled in any 11 12 aggregation program, unless they voluntarily opt in.

13 VI. New customers to the electric distribution utility after the notification mailing required 14 by paragraph III shall initially be enrolled in utility provided default service unless the customer has 15 relocated within a single utility's service area and is continuing service with a competitive supplier 16 or a municipal or county aggregation program. Upon request of an aggregator, but not more 17 frequently than monthly and notwithstanding RSA 363:38, the utility shall make available to each 18 operating municipal aggregation, or county aggregation where there is no municipal aggregation, the 19 names, account numbers, mailing addresses, and any other information necessary for successful 20 enrollment in the aggregation of customers that are new to or then currently on electric distribution 21utility provided default service after they have provided the customer list for the initial customer 22 mailing required by paragraph III and that are located within the aggregation service area. The 23aggregation shall periodically mail a written notification to such new customers that have not 24 previously opted out of the aggregator's service and shall enroll them in the aggregation consistent 25with the opt-in or opt-out requirements of this paragraph and paragraph III.

VII. Municipal aggregations shall take priority or precedence over any county aggregations and each such aggregation shall be responsible for assuring that customers are enrolled with the correct aggregation.

29VIII Customers enrolled in a municipal- or county-provided default service shall be free to 30 elect to transfer to utility provided default service or to transfer to a competitive electricity supplier 31 with adequate notice in advance of the next regular meter reading by the distribution utility, in the 32same manner as if they were on utility provided default service or as approved by the commission. 33 No such customer shall be required to pay any exit fee or charge for such transfer. Customers 34 requesting transfer of supply service upon dates other than on the next available regular meter 35 reading date may be charged an off-cycle meter reading and billing charge. Upon request of the 36 customer the aggregator shall transfer the customer back to utility provided default service.

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1 IX. Once adopted, an aggregation plan and program may be amended and modified from 2 time to time as provided by the governing body of the municipality or county. In all cases the 3 establishment of an opt-out default service program shall be approved as provided in paragraphs I, 4 II, and IV.

X. The commission shall adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, to implement this chapter and, to 5 6 the extent authorities granted to municipalities and counties by this chapter materially affect the $\mathbf{7}$ interests of electric distribution utilities and their customers, to reasonably balance such interests 8 with those of municipalities and counties for the public good, which may also be done through adjudicative proceedings to the extent specified or not addressed in rules. Such rules shall include 9 10 but not be limited to rules governing the relationship between municipal and county aggregators and distribution utilities, metering, billing, access to customer data for planning and operation of 11 12aggregations, notice of the commencement or termination of aggregation services and products, and 13 the reestablishment of a municipal or county aggregation that has substantially ceased to provide 14 services. Where the commission has adopted rules in conformity with this chapter, complaints to and proceedings before the commission shall not be subject to RSA 541-A:29 or RSA 541-A:29-a. 15

16 10 New Section; Billing Arrangements. Amend RSA 53-E by inserting after section 8 the 17 following new section:

18 53-E:9 Billing Arrangements.

19 I. For purposes of this section the term "supplier" shall mean an aggregator functioning as a 20 load serving entity under this chapter or a competitive electricity supplier serving an aggregation 21 under this chapter. The term shall also include competitive electricity suppliers generally to the 22 extent and for such customer rate classes as the commission finds, after notice and hearing, that it is 23 for the public good. Such a determination shall be on a utility-specific basis, if proposed and 24 assented to by the utility.

25 II. Each electric distribution utility shall propose to the commission for review and approval 26 a program for the purchase of receivables of the supplier in which the utility shall pay in a timely 27manner the amounts due such suppliers from customers for electricity supply and related services 28 less a discount percentage rate equal to the utility's actual uncollectible rate, adjusted to recover 29capitalized and operating costs specific to the implementation and operation of the purchase of 30 receivables program, including working capital. Additionally, such discount rate adjustments shall include a pro rata share of the cost of administering collection efforts such that the utility's 31 participation in the purchase of receivables program shall not require the utility or non-participating 32consumers to assume any costs arising from its use. Such pro rata costs must include, but not be 33 34 limited to, any increases in the utility's bad debt write-offs attributable to participants in the purchase of receivables program, as approved by the commission. However, the allocation of costs 35 36 arising from different rate components and determination of the uncollectible rate shall be equitably allocated between such suppliers, utility provided default service, and other utility charges that are 37

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- 1 a part of consolidated billing by the utility as approved by the commission. The discount percentage
- 2 rate shall be subject to periodic adjustment as approved by the commission.
- 3 11 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers and municipal host customer generators serving political subdivisions.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the procedures applicable to municipal or county aggregators and municipal electric utilities for the aggregation of energy services. This bill also establishes an exemption under net energy metering for group net metered facilities that generate electricity to offset electrical requirements of a group consisting of political subdivisions.

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

1 1 Aggregation of Electric Customers; Definition; Aggregation. Amend RSA 53-E:2, I to read as 2 follows:

3 I. "Aggregation" means the grouping of retail electric customers to provide, broker, or 4 contract for [electric power supply and] energy services for such customers.

5 2 New Paragraph; Definition; Energy Services. Amend RSA 53-E:2 by inserting after paragraph 6 V the following new paragraph:

V-a. "Energy services" means the provision of electric power supply solely or in combination
with any or all of the services specified in RSA 53-E:3.

9 3 Municipal and County Authority; Agreements. Amend RSA 53-E:3, II(a) to read as follows:

II.(a) Enter into agreements and provide for *energy services, specifically*:

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14 (4) Meter reading, with commission approval for meters owned or controlled
15 by the electric distribution utilities or used for load settlement.

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otherwise be operated or produced by the other enterprise fund. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to limit the capacity of customers to select any service or combination of services offered by such municipal aggregators or to limit the municipality from combining billing for [any or all utility] energy services with other municipal services.

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5 Regulation of Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:4, I to read as follows:

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53-E:5 Financial Responsibility. Retail electric customers who choose not to participate in an aggregation program adopted under RSA 53-E:7 shall not be responsible for, and no entity shall require them to pay, any costs associated with such program, through taxes or otherwise except for electric power supply or energy services consumed directly by the municipality or county, or incidental costs, which may include costs necessary to comply with the provisions of this chapter up to the time that the aggregation starts to produce revenue from participating customers, but shall not include any capitalized or operating costs of an aggregation program.

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I. The governing body of a municipality or county may form an electric aggregation committee to develop a plan for an aggregation program for its citizens. A municipality or county may join other municipalities or counties in developing such plans. A county plan may provide an aggregation program for all or a subset of municipalities within the county that request to participate by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies.

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II. Every electric aggregation plan and any revision of a plan to include an opt-out default 6 7 service program shall be submitted to the commission, either before or after being submitted by the governing body to the legislative body for approval, to determine whether the plan conforms to the 8 requirements of this chapter and applicable rules of the commission. The commission shall approve 9 any plan submitted to it unless it finds that it does not meet the requirements of this chapter and 10other applicable rules and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the 11 municipalities or counties concerned, the specific respects in which the proposed plan substantially 12fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and applicable rules. Failure to disapprove a plan 13submitted hereunder within 60 days of its submission shall constitute approval thereof. A 14 municipality or county may submit a plan that is revised to comply with applicable requirements at 15any time and start the review process over. Any plan submitted to the commission under this 16 paragraph shall also be submitted on the same date to the office of the consumer advocate under 17RSA 363:28 and any electric distribution utility providing service within the jurisdiction of the 18 municipality or county. The consumer advocate, utilities, and members of the public may file 19 comments about such plans within the first 21 days of their submission. Commission review and 20 approval of electric aggregation plans shall not require a contested case but shall allow time for $\mathbf{21}$ $\mathbf{22}$ submission and consideration of any such comments.

 $\mathbf{23}$ III. If the plan is adopted or once adopted is revised to include an opt-out service, the municipality or county shall mail written notification to each retail electric customer within the 24 municipality or county service area. To enable such mailed notification and notwithstanding RSA 25 363:38, after an aggregation plan is duly approved the electric distribution utility or utilities serving 26 an adopting municipality or county shall provide to such municipality or county a current list of the $\mathbf{27}$ 28 names and mailing addresses of all electric customers taking distribution service within the 29 municipality or county service area, and for such customers on utility provided default service, the account numbers and any other information necessary for successful enrollment in the aggregation. 30 Notification shall include a description of the aggregation program, the implications to the 31 municipality or county, and the rights and responsibilities that the participants will have under the 32 program, and if provided on an opt-out basis, the fixed rate or charges that will apply. No retail 33 electric customer shall be included in a program in which the customer does not know all of the rates 34or charges the customer may be subject to at least 30 days in advance and has the option, for a 35 period of not less than 30 days from the date of the mailing, to opt out of being enrolled in such 36

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program, unless the customer affirmatively responds to the notification or requests in writing to be
 included in the program.

3 4 IV. Within 15 days after notification of the plan has been sent to retail electric customers in the service area, a public information meeting to answer questions on the program shall be held.

V. Services proposed to be offered by or through the aggregation shall be on an opt-in basis $\mathbf{5}$ unless the adopted aggregation plan explicitly creates an opt-out alternative default energy service 6 program where the rate or price is known at least 30 days in advance of its application and, for a 7 period of not less than 30 days from the date notification is mailed, the customer has the opportunity 8 to opt out of being enrolled in such program, by return postcard, website, or such additional means 9 as may be provided. Customers who are on default service provided by an electric distribution utility 10 shall be enrolled by the aggregator in an aggregation provided alternative default service if they do 11 not elect to opt out. Customers opting out will instead remain on utility provided default service. 12 Customers taking energy service from a competitive electricity supplier shall not be enrolled in any 13 14 aggregation program, unless they voluntarily opt in.

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VII. Municipal aggregations shall take priority or precedence over any county aggregations and each such aggregation shall be responsible for assuring that customers are enrolled with the correct aggregation.

VIII Customers enrolled in a municipal- or county-provided default service shall be free to elect to transfer to utility provided default service or to transfer to a competitive electricity supplier with adequate notice in advance of the next regular meter reading by the distribution utility, in the same manner as if they were on utility provided default service or as approved by the commission. No such customer shall be required to pay any exit fee or charge for such transfer. Customers requesting transfer of supply service upon dates other than on the next available regular meter

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reading date may be charged an off-cycle meter reading and billing charge. Upon request of the
 customer the aggregator shall transfer the customer back to utility provided default service.

3 IX. Once adopted, an aggregation plan and program may be amended and modified from 4 time to time as provided by the governing body of the municipality or county. In all cases the 5 establishment of an opt-out default service program shall be approved as provided in paragraphs I, 6 II, and IV.

X. The commission shall adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, to implement this chapter and, to 7 the extent authorities granted to municipalities and counties by this chapter materially affect the 8 interests of electric distribution utilities and their customers, to reasonably balance such interests 9 with those of municipalities and counties for the public good, which may also be done through 10 adjudicative proceedings to the extent specified or not addressed in rules. Such rules shall include 11 but not be limited to rules governing the relationship between municipal and county aggregators and 12 distribution utilities, metering, billing, access to customer data for planning and operation of 1314 aggregations, notice of the commencement or termination of aggregation services and products, and the reestablishment of a municipal or county aggregation that has substantially ceased to provide 15services. Where the commission has adopted rules in conformity with this chapter, complaints to 16 and proceedings before the commission shall not be subject to RSA 541-A:29 or RSA 541-A:29-a. 17

18 10 New Section; Billing Arrangements. Amend RSA 53-E by inserting after section 8 the 19 following new section:

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53-E:9 Billing Arrangements.

I. For purposes of this section the term "supplier" shall mean an aggregator functioning as a load serving entity under this chapter or a competitive electricity supplier serving an aggregation under this chapter. The term shall also include competitive electricity suppliers generally to the extent and for such customer rate classes as the commission finds, after notice and hearing, that it is for the public good. Such a determination shall be on a utility-specific basis, if proposed and assented to by the utility.

27 II. Each electric distribution utility shall propose to the commission for review and approval 28 a program for the purchase of receivables of the supplier in which the utility shall pay in a timely 29 manner the amounts due such suppliers from customers for electricity supply and related services 30 less a discount percentage rate equal to the utility's actual uncollectible rate, adjusted to recover capitalized and operating costs specific to the implementation and operation of the purchase of 3132 receivables program, including working capital. Additionally, such discount rate adjustments shall include a pro rata share of the cost of administering collection efforts such that the utility's 33 participation in the purchase of receivables program shall not require the utility or non-participating 34 consumers to assume any costs arising from its use. Such pro rata costs must include, but not be 35 limited to, any increases in the utility's bad debt write-offs attributable to participants in the 36 purchase of receivables program, as approved by the commission. However, the allocation of costs 37

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arising from different rate components and determination of the uncollectible rate shall be equitably allocated between such suppliers, utility provided default service, and other utility charges that are a part of consolidated billing by the utility as approved by the commission. The discount percentage rate shall be subject to periodic adjustment as approved by the commission.

5 11 Eligible Customer Generator; Exception Added for Municipal Hosts. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a,
6 II-b through II-d to read as follows:

II-b. "Eligible customer-generator" or "customer-generator" means an electric utility customer who owns, 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, *except as provided for a municipal host as defined in paragraph II-c*, 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.

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"Municipal host" means a customer generator with a total peak generating 17II-c. capacity of greater than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts used to offset the 18 19 electricity requirements of a group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are political subdivisions, provided that all customers are located within the same utility 20 21 franchise service territory. A municipal host shall be located in the same municipality as all group members if the facility began operation after January 1, 2021. A municipal host $\mathbf{22}$ may be owned by either a public or private entity. For this definition, "political 23 subdivision" means any city, town, county, school district, chartered public school, village 24 district, school administrative unit, or any district or entity created for a special purpose $\mathbf{25}$ administered or funded by any of the above-named governmental units. 26

27 *II-d.* "Eligible fuel" means natural gas, propane, wood pellets, hydrogen, or heating oil when
 28 combusted with a burner, including air emission standards for the device using the approved fuel.

[H-d] *H-e.* "Heat led" means that the combined heat and power system is operated in a
 manner to satisfy the heat usage needs of the customer-generator.

31 12 Utility Property Tax; Exclusion From Definition of Utility Property. Amend RSA 83-F:1,
 32 V(d) to read as follows:

(d) The electrical generation, production, storage, and supply equipment of an "eligible
customer-generator" as defined in RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b, and of a "limited producer" as defined in
RSA 362-A:1-a, III if selling under RSA 362-A:2-a, for facilities with a rated electricity
production capacity of up to and including one megawatt;

37 13 Effective Date.

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- 1 I. Section 1-10 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
- 2 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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HOUSE BILL 315

AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers and municipal host customer generators serving political subdivisions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Vose, Rock. 9; Rep. Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30; Rep. Harrington, Straf. 3; Rep. Thomas, Rock. 5

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the procedures applicable to municipal or county aggregators and municipal electric utilities for the aggregation of energy services. This bill also establishes an exemption under net energy metering for group net metered facilities that generate electricity to offset electrical requirements of a group consisting of political subdivisions.

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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 One

AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers and municipal host customer generators serving political subdivisions.

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

229:1 Aggregation of Electric Customers; Definition; Aggregation. Amend RSA 53-E:2, I to read 1 2 as follows: "Aggregation" means the grouping of retail electric customers to provide, broker, or 3 I. contract for [electric power supply and] energy services for such customers. 4 229:2 New Paragraph; Definition; Energy Services. Amend RSA 53-E:2 by inserting after 5 paragraph V the following new paragraph: 6 V-a. "Energy services" means the provision of electric power supply solely or in combination 7 8 with any or all of the services specified in RSA 53-E:3. 229:3 Municipal and County Authority; Agreements. Amend RSA 53-E:3, II(a) to read as 9 10 follows: II.(a) Enter into agreements and provide for *energy services, specifically*: 11 12(1) The supply of electric power and capacity. (2) Demand side management. 13 (3) Conservation. 14 (4) Meter reading, with commission approval for meters owned or controlled 15 by the electric distribution utilities or used for load settlement. 16 (5) Customer service for aggregation provided services. 17 18 (6) Other related services. (7) The operation of energy efficiency and clean energy districts adopted by a 19 municipality pursuant to RSA 53-F and as approved by the municipality's governing body. 20 229:4 Municipal Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:3-a to read as follows: 21

53-E:3-a Municipal Aggregators Authorized. Municipal aggregators of electricity load under this chapter, and municipalities operating municipal electric utilities under RSA 38, are expressly authorized to aggregate [other] energy services [commonly and regularly billed to customers] as described in RSA 53-E:3. Municipalities may operate approved aggregation programs as selfsupporting enterprise funds including the use of revenue bonds pursuant to RSA 33-B and RSA 374-D and loans from other municipal enterprise funds as may be approved by the governing body and

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the legislative body of the municipality. Any such loans from other municipal enterprise funds shall be used for purposes that have a clear nexus to the primary purposes of such other funds, such as generation, storage, or sale of power generated from sites, facilities, or resources that might otherwise be operated or produced by the other enterprise fund. Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to limit the capacity of customers to select any service or combination of services offered by such municipal aggregators or to limit the municipality from combining billing for [any or all utility] *energy services with other municipal* services.

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229:5 Regulation of Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:4, I to read as follows:

9 I. An aggregator operating under this chapter shall not be considered a *public* utility 10 / [engaging in the wholesale purchase and resale of electric power] under RSA 362:2 and shall not 11 be considered a municipal utility under RSA 38. [Providing electric power or energy services to 12 aggregated customers within a municipality or county shall not be considered a wholesale utility 13 transaction. However,] A municipal or county aggregation may elect to participate in the ISO New 14 England wholesale energy market as a load serving entity for the purpose of procuring or selling 15 electrical energy or capacity on behalf of its participating retail electric customers, including itself.

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229:6 Regulation of Aggregators. Amend RSA 53-E:4, IV to read as follows:

IV. For the purpose of obtaining interval meter data for load settlement, the provision of 17energy services, and near real-time customer access to such data, a municipal and county aggregator 18 may contribute to the cost of electric utility provided meter upgrades, jointly own revenue grade 19 meters with an electric utility, or provide its own revenue grade electric meter, which would be in 20 addition to a utility provided meter[,]. Such metering shall only be implemented subject to the $\mathbf{21}$ commission finding it is in the public good, assuring that meters used for distribution tariff 22 implementation remain under the control and majority ownership of the electric 23distribution utility, and [approval of] otherwise approving the terms and conditions for such 24 arrangements, including sharing or transfer of meter data from and to the electric distribution $\mathbf{25}$ $\mathbf{26}$ utility.

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229:7 Financial Responsibility. Amend RSA 53-E:5 to read as follows:

53-E:5 Financial Responsibility. Retail electric customers who choose not to participate in an aggregation program adopted under RSA 53-E:7 shall not be responsible for, and no entity shall require them to pay, any costs associated with such program, through taxes or otherwise except for electric power supply or energy services consumed directly by the municipality or county, or incidental costs, which may include costs necessary to comply with the provisions of this chapter up to the time that the aggregation starts to produce revenue from participating customers, but shall

34 not include any capitalized or operating costs of an aggregation program.

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229:8 Electric Aggregation Plan. Amend RSA 53-E:6, I to read as follows:

36 I. The governing body of a municipality or county may form an electric aggregation 37 committee to develop a plan for an aggregation program for its citizens. A municipality or county

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1 may join other municipalities or counties in developing such plans. A county plan may provide an

2 aggregation program for all or a subset of municipalities within the county that request to

- 3 participate by a majority vote of their respective governing bodies.
 - 229:9 Aggregation Program. RSA 53-E:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
 - 53-E:7 Aggregation Program.

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6 I. The governing body of a municipality or county may submit to its legislative body for 7 adoption a final plan for an aggregation program or any revision to include an opt-out aggregation 8 program, to be approved by a majority of those present and voting.

II. Every electric aggregation plan and any revision of a plan to include an opt-out default 9 service program shall be submitted to the commission, either before or after being submitted by the 10 governing body to the legislative body for approval, to determine whether the plan conforms to the 11 requirements of this chapter and applicable rules of the commission. The commission shall approve 12any plan submitted to it unless it finds that it does not meet the requirements of this chapter and 13 other applicable rules and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the 14 municipalities or counties concerned, the specific respects in which the proposed plan substantially 15 fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and applicable rules. Failure to disapprove a plan 16 submitted hereunder within 60 days of its submission shall constitute approval thereof. Α 17municipality or county may submit a plan that is revised to comply with applicable requirements at 18 any time and start the review process over. Any plan submitted to the commission under this 19 paragraph shall also be submitted on the same date to the office of the consumer advocate under 20 RSA 363:28 and any electric distribution utility providing service within the jurisdiction of the $\mathbf{21}$ 22 municipality or county. The consumer advocate, utilities, and members of the public may file comments about such plans within the first 21 days of their submission. Commission review and 23 approval of electric aggregation plans shall not require a contested case but shall allow time for $\mathbf{24}$ 25submission and consideration of any such comments.

III. If the plan is adopted or once adopted is revised to include an opt-out service, the 26 municipality or county shall mail written notification to each retail electric customer within the 27 municipality or county service area. To enable such mailed notification and notwithstanding RSA 28° 363:38, after an aggregation plan is duly approved the electric distribution utility or utilities serving $\mathbf{29}$ an adopting municipality or county shall provide to such municipality or county a current list of the 30 names and mailing addresses of all electric customers taking distribution service within the 31 municipality or county service area, and for such customers on utility provided default service, the 32account numbers and any other information necessary for successful enrollment in the aggregation. 33 Notification shall include a description of the aggregation program, the implications to the 34 municipality or county, and the rights and responsibilities that the participants will have under the 35 program, and if provided on an opt-out basis, the fixed rate or charges that will apply. No retail 36 electric customer shall be included in a program in which the customer does not know all of the rates 37

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or charges the customer may be subject to at least 30 days in advance and has the option; for a period of not less than 30 days from the date of the mailing, to opt out of being enrolled in such program, unless the customer affirmatively responds to the notification or requests in writing to be included in the program.

5 IV. Within 15 days after notification of the plan has been sent to retail electric customers in 6 the service area, a public information meeting to answer questions on the program shall be held.

V. Services proposed to be offered by or through the aggregation shall be on an opt-in basis 7 unless the adopted aggregation plan explicitly creates an opt-out alternative default energy service 8 program where the rate or price is known at least 30 days in advance of its application and, for a 9 period of not less than 30 days from the date notification is mailed, the customer has the opportunity 10 to opt out of being enrolled in such program, by return postcard, website, or such additional means 11 as may be provided. Customers who are on default service provided by an electric distribution utility 12shall be enrolled by the aggregator in an aggregation provided alternative default service if they do 13not elect to opt out. Customers opting out will instead remain on utility provided default service. 14 Customers taking energy service from a competitive electricity supplier shall not be enrolled in any 15aggregation program, unless they voluntarily opt in. 16

VI. New customers to the electric distribution utility after the notification mailing required 17 by paragraph III shall initially be enrolled in utility provided default service unless the customer has 18 relocated within a single utility's service area and is continuing service with a competitive supplier 19 or a municipal or county aggregation program. Upon request of an aggregator, but not more 20 frequently than monthly and notwithstanding RSA 363:38, the utility shall make available to each $\mathbf{21}$ operating municipal aggregation, or county aggregation where there is no municipal aggregation, the 22 names, account numbers, mailing addresses, and any other information necessary for successful 23enrollment in the aggregation of customers that are new to or then currently on electric distribution 24 utility provided default service after they have provided the customer list for the initial customer 25mailing required by paragraph III and that are located within the aggregation service area. The 26 aggregation shall periodically mail a written notification to such new customers that have not 27 previously opted out of the aggregator's service and shall enroll them in the aggregation consistent 28 with the opt-in or opt-out requirements of this paragraph and paragraph III. $\mathbf{29}$

30 VII. Municipal aggregations shall take priority or precedence over any county aggregations 31 and each such aggregation shall be responsible for assuring that customers are enrolled with the 32 correct aggregation.

VIII. Customers enrolled in a municipal- or county-provided default service shall be free to elect to transfer to utility provided default service or to transfer to a competitive electricity supplier with adequate notice in advance of the next regular meter reading by the distribution utility, in the same manner as if they were on utility provided default service or as approved by the commission. No such customer shall be required to pay any exit fee or charge for such transfer. Customers

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requesting transfer of supply service upon dates other than on the next available regular meter
 reading date may be charged an off-cycle meter reading and billing charge. Upon request of the
 customer the aggregator shall transfer the customer back to utility provided default service.

IX. Once adopted, an aggregation plan and program may be amended and modified from time to time as provided by the governing body of the municipality or county. In all cases the establishment of an opt-out default service program shall be approved as provided in paragraphs I, II, and IV.

X. The commission shall adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, to implement this chapter and, to 8 the extent authorities granted to municipalities and counties by this chapter materially affect the 9 interests of electric distribution utilities and their customers, to reasonably balance such interests 10 with those of municipalities and counties for the public good, which may also be done through 11 adjudicative proceedings to the extent specified or not addressed in rules. Such rules shall include 12but not be limited to rules governing the relationship between municipal and county aggregators and 13 distribution utilities, metering, billing, access to customer data for planning and operation of 14 aggregations, notice of the commencement or termination of aggregation services and products, and 15 the reestablishment of a municipal or county aggregation that has substantially ceased to provide 16 services. Where the commission has adopted rules in conformity with this chapter, complaints to 17 and proceedings before the commission shall not be subject to RSA 541-A:29 or RSA 541-A:29-a. 18

19 229:10 New Section; Billing Arrangements. Amend RSA 53-E by inserting after section 8 the20 following new section:

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53-E:9 Billing Arrangements.

I. For purposes of this section the term "supplier" shall mean an aggregator functioning as a load serving entity under this chapter or a competitive electricity supplier serving an aggregation under this chapter. The term shall also include competitive electricity suppliers generally to the extent and for such customer rate classes as the commission finds, after notice and hearing, that it is for the public good. Such a determination shall be on a utility-specific basis, if proposed and assented to by the utility.

II. Each electric distribution utility shall propose to the commission for review and approval $\mathbf{28}$ a program for the purchase of receivables of the supplier in which the utility shall pay in a timely 29 manner the amounts due such suppliers from customers for electricity supply and related services 30 less a discount percentage rate equal to the utility's actual uncollectible rate, adjusted to recover 31 capitalized and operating costs specific to the implementation and operation of the purchase of 32receivables program, including working capital. Additionally, such discount rate adjustments shall 33 include a pro rata share of the cost of administering collection efforts such that the utility's 34 35 participation in the purchase of receivables program shall not require the útility or non-participating 36 consumers to assume any costs arising from its use. Such pro rata costs must include, but not be limited to, any increases in the utility's bad debt write-offs attributable to participants in the 37

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purchase of receivables program, as approved by the commission. However, the allocation of costs arising from different rate components and determination of the uncollectible rate shall be equitably allocated between such suppliers, utility provided default service, and other utility charges that are a part of consolidated billing by the utility as approved by the commission. The discount percentage rate shall be subject to periodic adjustment as approved by the commission.

6 7 229:11 Eligible Customer Generator; Exception Added for Municipal Hosts. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b through II-e to read as follows:

"Eligible customer-generator" or "customer-generator" means an electric utility 8 II-b. customer who owns, operates, or purchases power from an electrical generating facility either 9 powered by renewable energy or which employs a heat led combined heat and power system, with a 10 total peak generating capacity of up to and including one megawatt, except as provided for a 11 municipal host as defined in paragraph II-c, that is located behind a retail meter on the 12 customer's premises, is interconnected and operates in parallel with the electric grid, and is used to 13 offset the customer's own electricity requirements. Incremental generation added to an existing 14 generation facility, that does not itself qualify for net metering, shall qualify if such incremental 15 generation meets the qualifications of this paragraph and is metered separately from the 16 17nonqualifying facility.

II-c. "Municipal host" means a customer generator with a total peak generating 18 capacity of greater than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts used to offset the 19 electricity requirements of a group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are 20political subdivisions, provided that all customers are located within the same utility $\mathbf{21}$ 22 franchise service territory. A municipal host shall be located in the same municipality as all group members if the facility began operation after January 1, 2021. A municipal host 23may be owned by either a public or private entity. For this definition, "political $\mathbf{24}$ subdivision" means any city, town, county, school district, chartered public school, village $\mathbf{25}$ district, school administrative unit, or any district or entity created for a special purpose 26 administered or funded by any of the above-named governmental units. 27

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II-d. "Eligible fuel" means natural gas, propane, wood pellets, hydrogen, or heating oil when combusted with a burner, including air emission standards for the device using the approved fuel.

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[H-d] *II-e*. "Heat led" means that the combined heat and power system is operated in a manner to satisfy the heat usage needs of the customer-generator.

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[H e] II-f. "Department" means the New Hampshire department of energy.

229:12 Utility Property Tax; Exclusion From Definition of Utility Property. Amend RSA 83-F:1,
 V(d) to read as follows:

35 (d) The electrical generation, production, storage, and supply equipment of an "eligible 36 customer-generator" as defined in RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b, and of a "limited producer" as defined in

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1 RSA 362-A:1-a, III if selling under RSA 362-A:2-a, for facilities with a rated electricity

2 production capacity of up to and including one megawatt;

3 229:13 Effective Date.

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I. Section 1-10 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: August 26, 2021 Effective Date: I. Sections 1-10 effective October 25, 2021. II. Remainder effective August 26, 2021.

Amendments

Sen. Avard, Dist 12 Sen. Gray, Dist 6 Sen. Giuda, Dist 2 Sen. Watters, Dist 4 Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21 April 30, 2021 2021-1257s 10/08

Amendment to HB 315

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following: 2 3 AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers, and municipal host customer 4 generators serving political subdivisions. $\mathbf{5}$ 6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following 7 8 11 Eligible Customer Generator; Exception Added for Municipal Hosts. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, 9 II-b through II-d to read as follows: 10 II-b. "Eligible customer-generator" or)"customer-generator" means an electric utility customer who owns, operates, or purchases power from an electrical generating facility either 11 powered by renewable energy or which employs a heat led combined heat and power system, with a 12 total peak generating capacity of up, to, and including one megawatt, except as provided for a 13municipal host as defined in paragraph II-c, that is located behind a retail meter on the 14 15 customer's premises, is interconnected and operates in parallel with the electric grid, and is used to 16offset 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 17

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Sen. Avard, Dist 12 Sen. Watters, Dist 4 May 11, 2021 2021-1400s 10/06

Floor Amendment to HB 315

Amend the bill by replacing section 12 with the following:
12 Utility Property Tax; Exclusion From Definition of Utility Property. Amend RSA 83-F:1,
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Sen Kevin Avard, Chair Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair Sen James Gray, Member Sen David Watters, Member Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: April 19, 2021

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| 1:00 p.m. | HB 315 | relative to the aggregation of electric customers. | | | |
| 1:20 p.m. | HB 351 | relative to the system benefits charge. | | | |
| 1:40 p.m. | HB 373 | relative to state participation in low carbon fuel standards programs. | | | |

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| Rep. Osborne | | | |
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<u>Kevin A. Avard</u> Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Griffin Roberge 271-3042

HB 315, relative to the aggregation of electric customers.

Hearing Date: April 26, 2021.

Time Opened:1:06 p.m.Time Closed:1:27 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka.

Members of the Committee Absent: Senator Giuda.

Bill Analysis: This bill revises the procedures applicable to municipal or county aggregators and municipal electric utilities for the aggregation of energy services.

Sponsors:Rep. VoseRep. Cali-PittsRep. HarringtonRep. Thomas

Who supports the bill: Elizabeth Alcauskas; Luis Aranzabal; Susan Arnold, Appalachian Mountain Club; Bill Baber, Dover, NH; Doreen Baker; David Bates; Patricia Beffa-Begrini; Clifton Below, City of Lebanon; Bruce Berk, Pittsfield, NH; Bill Bardsley; Sandra Blanchard; Kathleen Bollerud; Sue Bracy; Nancy Brennan, Weare, NH; Ronald Briggs; Marc Brown, Consumer Energy Alliance; Susan Bruce; Mary Burdett; Catherine Bushueff; Kathy Cahill; Lilian Carter; Joanne Casino; Denise Clark; Martha Clark; Catherine Corkery, NH Sierra Club; Patricia Cornell; Susan Covert; David Creer, Business and Industry Association; John Cross, Brookline, NH; Dorothy Currier; Claudia Damon; Karen Dewey; Corinne Dodge; Bryan Dwyer; Maureen Elleermann; Cheri Falk, Wilton, NH; Bryan Field; Honorable Eileen Flockhart; Matthew Fossum, Eversource Energy; John Gage, Windham, NH; Donna Gamache, Eversource Energy; Ann Garland; Nancy Gillard; Catherine Goldwater; Martha Goodnow; Laurie Gordon; Margaret Gordon; Nancy Greenwood; Catherine Guevarra; Kent Hackmann; Doris Hampton; Robert Haring-Smith; Robert Hayden, Standard Power; Robin Helrich; Adelinda Higgs; Kate Horgan, The DuPont Group representing the NH Association of Counties; Jana Howe; Richard Husband; Dennis Jakubowski; Susan Jamback; Cordell Johnston, NH Municipal Association; Honorable David Karrick; Lorraine Kelly; Kathryn Kerman; Kimberly Kirkland; Helmut Koch; Laurie Koch; Catherine Koning; Donald Kreis, Office of the Consumer Advocate; Heidi Kroll, Gallagher, Callahan, and Gartrell representing the Granite State Hydropower Association and Monadnock Paper Mills; Joy Kubit; Joseph Kwasnik, Concord, NH; Sheryl Liberman; Mary Lincoln; Lyn Lindpainter; Suzanne Loder; Janet Lucas; Joseph Magruder; Richard Maynard; Kyle McAdam; Representative Kay McGhee, Hillsborough - District 27; David McGraw: Dawn McGuire; Brigid McNamee; Madeleine Mineau, Clean Energy NH; Faith Minton; Karen Mitchell; Honorable Howard Moffett; Janet Moore; Robin Mower; Marie Nardino; Faith Northrop; Sam Osherson; Sharon Parker; Ruth Perencevich; Maria Perez; Elizabeth-Anne Platt; Ann Podlipny; Mary Raven; Donna Reardon; John Reardon; Barbara Reed; Annie Rettew; Susan Richman, Durham, NH; Judith Saum; Representative George Saunderson, Merrimack - District 9; Lois Scribner; Jennifer Smith; Louise Spencer; Kathy Spielman; Diane St. Germain; Representative

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Who opposes the bill: Representative Efstathia Booras, Hillsborough - District 33; Christine Brunner; Brian Demers; Anne Grossi, Bedford, NH; Honorable Rick Russman; Kathy Tucker; Peter Wotowiec; Susan Wyatt.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Michael Vose

Rockingham – District 9

- HB 315 modifies RSA 53-E, which permits communities to form community aggregations. A community aggregation is an accumulation of electric customers into a group to achieve lower costs through purchasing electricity in bulk.
- SB 286-FN-LOCAL (2019) made modifications to RSA 53-E to permit an expansion of services that could be provided by traditional community aggregations. Those additional services included grid modernization activities like demand respond and time of use charges.
- Unfortunately, some of these modifications made it difficult for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to undertake its administrative rulemaking process for community aggregation. There was a disagreement amongst the parties involved in the administrative rulemaking process. It became apparent that RSA 53-E needed to be changed to address these issues.
- HB 315 as introduced went too far to resolve these issues and was opposed by those interested in community power aggregation. The House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee worked with interested stakeholders on an amendment that satisfied all parties.
- HB 315 as amended by the House permits grid modernization activities to proceed. The bill adequately protects electric customers who receive utility provided default service. These protections are critical and made it possible for all parties to agree on HB 315.
- HB 315 as amended by the House provides important consumer protections in Section 9, especially under the requirement for the PUC to adopt administrative rules. This language requires such rules to govern the relationship between municipal and county aggregators and distribution utilities, metering, billing, access to customer data for planning and operation of aggregations, notice of the commencement or termination of aggregation services and products, and the reestablishment of a municipal or county aggregation that has substantially ceased to provide services.
- HB 315 as amended by the House creates an opt-in/opt-out program for customers involved in a community aggregation. The bill makes it clear that any customer enrolled in a community aggregation that wishes to transfer to utility provided default service or to a competitive electricity supplier shall not be required to pay any exit fee or charge for such transfer.
- HB 315 as amended by the House creates a purchase of receivables program, which allows a utility to purchase the receivables of a community aggregator. The community aggregator must indicate their willingness to take part in such a program. This program is not required but is an option available to utilities and community aggregators.
- HB 315 was recommended "ought to pass with amendment" by a vote of 18-0 in the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee. The committee placed the bill on the House consent calendar. The full House supported the committee's recommendation on a voice vote.
- Senator Watters asked if the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee knew whether HB 315 would enable the PUC to move forward with their administrative rulemaking in a timely fashion. Many stakeholders are interested in acting on community aggregation.
 - Representative Vose said the PUC testified before the committee on HB 315. The PUC was actively involved in stakeholder discussions that led the House to amend HB 315 as introduced. The PUC

agreed that HB 315 as amended by the House made it possible for administrative rulemaking to move forward.

Representative Kat McGhee – provided written testimony

Hillsborough – District 27

- HB 315 as introduced was largely one-sided in favor of a utility perspective. The bill was unacceptable to small businesses and community participants trying to participate in community power aggregation. The bill undid a lot of the progress in SB 286-FN-LOCAL and hampered independent operation of competitors to major utilities.
- HB 315 as amended by the House is a product of active stakeholder discussions. The bill made acceptable improvements that did not threaten to undermine existing projects and made efforts to strengthen a reasonable model by which community power aggregators can co-exist with utility provided default service providers.
- Senator Perkins Kwoka said HB 315 as introduced created a lot of discussion. The amendment adopted by the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee addressed a lot of concerns. She asked if there were any remaining concerns with HB 315 as amended by the House.
 - Representative McGhee said the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee worked collaboratively with stakeholders to address any concerns. People familiar with competitive electricity supply were integrated into these stakeholder discussions. The purchase of receivables was one of the main issues that needed to be addressed and it was. Allowing individuals to opt-in and opt-out of community aggregation was another important measure. Other issues may arise in the future, but there was no reason to hold up HB 315 as amended by the House.

Clifton Below

Assistant Mayor, City of Lebanon

- Worked closely with Representative Vose and all the stakeholders to improve HB 315 as introduced. HB 315 as amended by the House is a better product that all stakeholders agree with.
- HB 315 as amended by the House should move forward in the legislative process as soon as possible. The sooner HB 315 becomes law, the sooner the PUC can begin its administrative rulemaking process.

Robert Hayden

President, Standard Power

- Standard Power has a community aggregation project in Keene waiting for PUC evaluation. Other communities throughout the Mondanock region are very interested in considering community aggregation.
- Standard Power worked with stakeholders in the House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee. HB 315 as amended by the House is a true product of bipartisanship and compromise.

Joseph Kwasnik – provided written testimony Concord, NH

- HB 315 as amended by the House permits municipal and county authorities to provide a number of energy services that are currently provided by electric distribution companies. These services include providing electric power and capacity, demand side management, conservation services, meter reading, customer services, energy efficiency, clean energy districts, and municipal aggregation.
- Municipal and county authorities are more than capable of providing these energy services at least at a level comparable with those provided by electric distribution companies and likely at levels superior to them. Local authorities have a generally superior knowledge of and interest in the energy service needs of residents.

Donna Gamache

Director of Government Affairs, Eversource Energy

- HB 315 as amended by the House goes a long way to ensure that the needs of customers and communities are met.
- Eversource Energy has been working with their customers in MA to ensure they have community aggregation, involving itself with 70 different aggregations to get those projects up and running. Eversource Energy has also worked with nearly 1,000,000 MA customers who are or will be involved in community aggregation programs.
- HB 315 as amended by the House will also help ensure that community aggregations in other states work well in NH.

David Creer – provided written testimony

Director of Public Policy, Business and Industry Association

- $\bullet~$ HB 315 as amended by the House could offer energy savings to NH's small businesses.
- HB 315 as amended by the House would separate community aggregation from community power, allowing community aggregation to move forward as community power undergoes administrative rulemaking at the PUC. In doing so, communities will be able to aggregate their residential ratepayers and smaller businesses, thereby giving them larger bargaining power for contracting with third party suppliers. This allows a municipality to obtain a better price for electricity purchases, saving small businesses money on their energy bills.

Marc Brown

Executive Director – Northeast, Consumer Energy Alliance

• HB 315 as amended by the House offers important consumer protections. The prohibition on exit fees or charges from a community aggregation is an important provision.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Good morning,

Please find my attached written testimony for today's public hearing on HB315.

Thanks,

Dave

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Testimony of David Creer Business & Industry Association HB 315 Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee April 26, 2021

Dear Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is David Creer and I'm director of public policy for the Business and Industry Association (BIA), New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce and leading business advocate. BIA represents more than 400 members in a variety of industries. Member firms employ 89,000 people throughout the state, which represents one in seven private workforce jobs, and contribute \$4.5 billion annually to the state's economy.

BIA supports HB 315, relative to the aggregation of electric customers, because of the potential energy savings it can afford small businesses in the state.

This bill would separate community aggregation from community power, allowing community aggregation to move forward as community power undergoes rulemaking at the Public Utilities Commission. In doing so, communities will be able to aggregate their residential ratepayers and smaller businesses, thereby giving them larger bargaining power for contracting with third party suppliers. This allows the municipality to obtain a better price for electricity purchases, saving small businesses money on their energy bills.

Thank you for your consideration.

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| Sent: | Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:55 PM |
| То: | Kevin Avard; Bob Giuda; James Gray; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; David Watters; Griffin |
| | Roberge |
| Subject: | Please support HB 315 |

HB 315 provides consumer protections to guarantee a stable and reliable grid while keeping a pathway to new and more forward-thinking power delivery systems. Please support HB 315.

John Cross Brookline, NH

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Dear Sir:

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Please find a file attached with my written testimony in support of HB315. I plan to also provide oral testimony at the hearing tomorrow. Regards, Joseph Kwasnik 54 Pleasant Street, Unit 8 Concord, NH 03301 6037307148

April 25, 2021

Chairman Kevin Avard Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

RE: HB315-AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers

Dear Chairman Avard:

I am today submitting written testimony **in support** of HB315 as a private citizen of New Hampshire. My reasons for support of the bill are as follows:

- 1. The legislation permits municipal and county authorities to provide a number of energy services that are currently provided by the local electric distribution company. These services include providing electric power and capacity, demand side management, conservation services, meter reading, customer services, energy efficiency and clean energy districts and municipal aggregation.
- 2. It is my belief that municipal and county authorities will be more than capable of providing these services at least at a level comparable with those provided by the local distribution company and likely at levels superior to the distribution companies. My reasons for this belief is based on the following factors:

-Currently all of the distribution companies provide default electricity supply services to customers or members in the case of the NH Electric Cooperative. In general, default supply is the dominant electric supply for residential electric customers in NH. With the exception of the Electric Cooperative, default supply is based on periodic solicitations by the distribution companies and selection of supply is based solely on price with no consideration of local needs and wants including local preference for renewable energy or other attributes such as locally generated electricity. I would expect that local authorities would be more receptive to providing electricity based not just on price but also on sourcing local, clean and renewable supply.

-Local authorities will also have generally superior knowledge of and interest in the energy service needs such as conservation services, energy efficiency services and demand side management. -There is no profit margin required in the providing of these services therefore likely savings for electric customers in the local area.

This bill should pass as it is in the best interests of New Hampshire electric customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Regards,

Joseph Kwasnik 54 Pleasant Street, Unit 8 Concord, NH 03301 6037307148

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| То: | ~Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee |
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Dear Senator Avard and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I thank you for your time and consideration of the aforementioned House bills coming before you in hearings on Monday, April 26th.

I am signing up to speak on each and will try to be at these hearings starting at 1 PM. I do have a conflict in the afternoon and wanted to be sure to get you my testimony in advance, in case for some reason I am unable to be with you in person.

Thank you for you consideration.

Regards. Rep. Kat McGhee, M.Ed, PMP Deputy Ranking Member House Science, Technology & Energy Testimony on HB315 before Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee April 26th, 2021

Rep. Kat McGhee, Hillsborough 27, Hollis, NH

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Thank you Senator Avard and members of Energy and Natural Resources. I submit testimony today in favor of HB315 Community Power Aggregation.

This bill was originally conceived and written by Eversource lawyers with one-sided language that was unacceptable to small businesses and community participants trying to participate in community power aggregation in keeping with RSA 53E, which was only signed into law in 2019. Based upon RSA 53E, community power projects were just beginning to come together.

HB315 as originally written undid that progress and severely hampered independent operation of competitors to the major utilities.

Since this outcome runs counter to the deregulation of the electric utility markets, the stakeholders worked together to craft acceptable improvements that did not threaten to undermine existing projects and made efforts to strengthen a reasonable model by which community power aggregators can co-exist with the default service providers.

The passing of HB315 is important in taking the valuable input of all stakeholders and upholding the compromise to which they have agreed in refining RSA53E. The other issue of note for this bill is that with its passing in the Senate, section V of SB91 is no longer needed. Section V of SB91 contains the original language in HB315. Passing SB91 without removing section V would result in undoing the work of the utilities and other energy stakeholders in improving RSA 53E.

House Science, Technology and Energy voted unanimously to support HB315 as amended and we hope that we can count on your support to do the same.

Thanks,

Kat McGhee Deputy Ranking Member Science, Technology & Energy

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Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # /+ B 315

Hearing Date: 04/26/2021

Executive Session Date: 05/03/2021

Motion of: <u>Amendment 12575</u> Vote: 4-0 Committee Member Present Made by Second Yes No Sen. Avard, Chair Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair Sen. Gray __ _ _ _ _ _ _ .. Sen. Watters
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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 3, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred HB 315

AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 1294s

Senator Kevin Avard For the Committee

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Griffin Roberge 271-3042

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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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HB 315, relative to the aggregation of electric customers. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Kevin Avard for the committee.

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Docket of HB315

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to the aggregation of electric customers and municipal host customer generators serving political subdivisions.

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| 1/9/2021 | Н | Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Science, Technology and Energy HJ 2 P. 43 |
| 2/3/2021 | н | ==RECESSED== Public Hearing: 02/12/2021 03:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/98218369454 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened. |
| 2/22/2021 | Н | ==CONTINUED== Public Hearing: $02/22/2021 01:00$ pm Members of the public may attend using the following links: 1. 1. To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/91732382660 |
| 2/25/2021 | н | Full Committee Work Session: 03/05/2021 10:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/95412375991 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened. |
| 3/8/2021 | н | ==RECESSED== Executive Session: 03/08/2021 10:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/96232478698 |
| 3/10/2021 | н | Full Committee Work Session: 03/19/2021 09:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/93683395113 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened. |
| 3/30/2021 | н | Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0748h (Vote 18-0; RC) HC 18 P. 59 |
| 4/9/2021 | н | Amendment #2021-0748h: AA VV 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 42 |
| 4/9/2021 | Н | Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0748h: MA VV 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 42 |
| 4/13/2021 | S | Introduced 04/08/2021 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 12 |
| 4/20/2021 | S | Remote Hearing: 04/26/2021, 01:00 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 21 |
| 5/4/2021 | S | Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1294s , 05/13/2021; SC 23 |
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| 5/13/2021 | S | Sen. Avard Floor Amendment #2021-1400s , AA, VV; 05/13/2021; SJ 15 |
| 5/13/2021 | S | Ought to Pass with Amendments 2021-1294s and 2021-1400s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/13/2021; SJ 15 |
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| 6/10/2021 | S | Sen. Avard Accedes to House Request for Committee of Conference, MA, VV; 06/10/2021; SJ 19 |
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| 6/15/2021 | Н | ==CONTINUED== Conference Committee Meeting: 06/15/2021 10:00 am LOB 206-208 |
| 6/17/2021 | S | Conference Committee Report Filed, #2021-1987c ; 06/24/2021 |
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1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 315, relative to the aggregation of electric customers.

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3 Recommendation:

4 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and 5 concur with the Senate amendment, and

6 That the Senate and House each pass the bill as amended by the Senate.

The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 315, relative to the aggregation of electric customers.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

Sen. Avard, Dist. 12

Rep. Vose, Rock. 9

Sen. Bradley, Dist. 3

Rep. Harrington, Straf. 3

Sen. Watters, Dist. 4

Rep. Thomas, Rock. 5

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Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 315

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 315

AN ACT relative to the aggregation of electric customers and municipal host customer generators serving political subdivisions.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 315

This enrolled bill amendment incorporates changes made in HB 2.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 315

Amend section 11 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

II-b through II-e to read as follows:

Amend RSA 362-A:1-a as inserted by section 11 of the bill by inserting the following after paragraph II-e:

[II-e] II-f. "Department" means the New Hampshire department of energy.