

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 14, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to
which was referred SB 261-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to net metering participation. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
amendment, and the recommendation that the bill
OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Vose

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Science, Technology and Energy
Bill Number:	SB 261-FN
Title:	relative to net metering participation.
Date:	April 14, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-1399h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill changes the payment interval for net metering credits from yearly to quarterly. The committee amended the bill to allow utilities to recover any costs associated with making this billing cycle change.

Vote 19-2.

Rep. Michael Vose
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Amendment to SB 261-FN

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to
2 read as 3:

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4 2 New Paragraph; Net Energy Metering; Alternative Net Metering Tariff. Amend RSA 362-A:9
5 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

6 V-a. A customer-generator subject to the alternative net metering tariff adopted by the
7 commission in order 26,029 issued on June 23, 2017, and subsequent orders issued thereafter in
8 docket DE 16-576, may elect to receive a payment from the distribution utility either on an annual
9 basis in an amount equal to the accrued monetary bill credit balance that exceeds \$100 as of the end
10 of the March billing period, or on a quarterly basis in an amount equal to the amount of the accrued
11 monetary bill credit balance that exceeds \$25 as of the end of the most recent billing period
12 preceding such quarterly payment. The costs reasonably incurred by a utility pursuant to this
13 paragraph shall be recoverable.

2022-1399h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires utilities to pay a customer-generator at least quarterly for the customer-generator's excess generation, if the customer-generator has elected the payment option. The bill also provides for payment to customer-generators under the alternative net metering tariff.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 261-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to net metering participation.

DATE: April 12, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306 - 308

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Vose

Seconded by Rep. Thomas

AM Vote: 19-2

Amendment # 2022-1399h

Moved by Rep. Vose

Seconded by Rep. Thomas

Vote: 19-2

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Fred Plett, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Science, Technology and Energy

 Bill #: SB 261 Motion: OTPA AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 4/12/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Vose, Michael Chairman	19		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	1		
Harrington, Michael D.	2		
Notter, Jeanine M. Rep. Lang	3		
Merner, Troy E.	4		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk Rep. Sheehan	5		
Berezhny, Lex	6		
Bernardy, JD	7		
Cambrils, Jose E.	8		
<u>Ploszaj</u> , Tom	9		
White, Nick D.	10		
Somssich, Peter F.	11		
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline A.		1	
Mann, John E.		2	
Oxenham, Lee Walker <i>of en em</i>	12		
Lewicke, John	13		
Vincent, Kenneth S. <i>(not here)</i>			
McGhee, Kat	14		
McWilliams, Rebecca J. Rep. Gottling	15		
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Pimentel, Roderick L.	17		

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Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #:	Motion:	AM #:	Exec Session Date:
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TOTAL VOTE:			19 2



2022 SESSION

Science, Technology and Energy

Bill #: SB 261 ~~SB 259~~ Motion: OTOP/A AM #: 2022-1399h Exec Session Date: 4/12/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Vose, Michael Chairman	19		
Thomas, Douglas W. Vice Chairman	1		
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Merner, Troy E.	4		
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 261-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to net metering participation.

DATE: April 5, 2022

LOB ROOM: 306-308 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:31 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:31 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Vose, Thomas, Plett, Harrington, Notter, Merner, Berezny, Bernardy, Cambrils, Ploszaj, White, Cali-Pitts, Mann, Oxenham, Lewicke, Vincent, McGhee, McWilliams, Pimentel and Parshall

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Gray

Sen. Avard

Sen. Giuda

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Senator Gray – Now Behind the meter generation is produced monthly but paid once a year for the net credit. Original bill said monthly but what is before you today settles for quarterly, better than annual now. The Department of Energy said the bill points to the wrong statute. He asked DOE what is the correct statute, and he went to OLS to fix the bill.

Rep. Thomas – He is curious why Senator Gray thinks it is the right thing to do? Answer – Why should people wait for a year? Plett – isn't there variability by quarter, wouldn't once a year smooth things out? Answer – a year is too long. Rep. McGhee – if the NHPUC were to require payment quarterly, would it be by check or bill credit? Answer – not sure. Rep. Ploszaj – Didn't the customers know what they were signing up for? Answer – Yes, but this doesn't make the annual payment necessarily just or fair. Rep. Parshall – Since the generator behind the meter has capital costs associated therewith, wouldn't monthly be best? Answer – Yes, the bill will come in monthly for the lease or payment for the equipment, but too much pushback from the utilities. Rep. Parshall – should the utilities be required to compound at the same rate of interest as applied to the equipment? Answer – more frequent payments obviates the need.

Packy Campbell – explained his systems. Rep. Plett – would you support a charge for the more frequent credits to offset the manual labor or billing changes? Answer – No. The utility doesn't support me for cutting monthly checks to them. Rep. Cali-Pitts – what is your average payment per month? Answer – the largest is \$3,400 per month. Rep. Plett – what is the cost of your panel installation, two sided, tracking the sun? Answer - \$39,500 to \$42,500 for a 24 panel system cost.

Griffin Roberge, Department of Energy – Neutral on bill. The statute this bill would amend give the NHPUC the option to require quarterly payments. It would only apply to grandfathered generators, since this is the statute that they are amending. Newer generators are handled by NHPUC rule which the statutes allowed. The credit mechanism in this bill has a monetary credit for new metered solar, but this has been superseded by an NHPUC mechanism as allowed by RSA 362-A:9 XVI. Rep. Harrington – the statute they are amending applies only generators in service prior to June of 2017? Answer – yes.

Donna Gamache, Eversource – Eversource is neutral on the bill, but it asks for cost recovery for extra costs required. She can provide the language if you wish to move forward with the bill. Eversource now does this credit reconciliation manually and checks are also cut manually. To change their billing systems would cost north of \$1 million. Rep. Thomas – Why? Answer- Software

does not allow us currently to cut checks monthly. A full software change to cover all variations in all states Eversource covers could cost over \$1 billion. Rep. Pimental – is this one time or does it include maintenance? Answer – one time, but there are ongoing maintenance costs. Would upgrading to handle monthly or quarterly be more or less expensive? Answer – don't know.

Blue sheet – 2 pros. Online sheet – 30 pro, zero against.

House Remote Testify

Science, Technology and Energy Committee Testify List for Bill SB261 on 2022-04-05

Support: 31 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
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SB 261-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2022 SESSION

22-2958

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SENATE BILL **261-FN**

AN ACT relative to net metering participation.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires utilities to pay a customer-generator at least quarterly for the customer-generator's excess generation, if the customer-generator has elected the payment option.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
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 Two

AN ACT relative to net metering participation.

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

1 1 Net Energy Metering; Negative Net Energy Usage. Amend RSA 362-A:9, V(b) to read as
2 follows:

3 (b) Except as provided in paragraph VI, the customer-generator may elect to be paid or
4 credited by the electric distribution utility for its excess generation at rates that are equal to the
5 utility's avoided costs for energy and capacity to provide default service as determined by the
6 commission consistent with the requirements of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act of 1978
7 (PURPA). The commission shall determine reasonable conditions for such an election, including the
8 frequency of payment, ***provided that the commission requires the option of payment at least***
9 ***quarterly***, and how often a customer-generator may choose this option versus the option in
10 subparagraph (a).

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

SB 261-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2022-0661s)

AN ACT relative to net metering participation.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires utilities to pay a customer-generator at least quarterly for the customer generator's excess generation, if the customer-generator has elected the payment option. The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, as amended by the Senate, has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Energy