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Senate Bill 270 An Act Establishing LMI Community Solar Program – Status Update Regarding the Proposal for EAP GNM Program Implementation

On September 6, 2022, Senate Bill 270 (2022) became effective, making several changes to RSA 362-A:9, XIV. Under RSA 362-A:9, XIV(e), as amended, the Department of Energy (Department) is required to develop a process by which community solar developers can apply for selection as a community solar project. The project's production must be designated for the benefit of low-moderate income (LMI) residential customers who qualify to benefit from a low-moderate income community solar addition and who have enrolled in, or are on the waitlist for, the Electric Assistance Program (EAP). Participants eligible to be enrolled in these LMI community solar projects are entitled to receive a 2.5¢ per kWh adder (LMI Adder) for net export compensation.

The Department has developed a competitive solicitation utilizing the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) to select LMI community solar projects eligible for the LMI Adder. Over the past several months, Department staff held multiple duly noticed stakeholder sessions and offered opportunity for written comment in the development of a program implementation proposal. Department staff held an initial stakeholder session to begin this process on September 7, 2022, subsequently developed a straw proposal regarding program implementation, and held additional stakeholder sessions to further refine the proposed processes on October 4, 2022, and December 22, 2022, with opportunity for written comment following each session.

The Department is currently drafting the RFP and anticipates a publication date of June 30, 2023. Pursuant to statute, the Department will manage the RFP process, and the associated statewide 6MW annual statutory capacity limit, with opportunity for input from stakeholders on an annual basis.

The Department appreciates your participation and attention to this program and looks forward to working together to implement the details in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. Chicoine".

Jared S. Chicoine, Commissioner