NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Senate Bill 270 An Act Establishing LMI Community Solar Program

Public Stakeholder Session #1 Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NHPUC Hearing Room A

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Statute overview
 - I. New projects eligible
 - II. Projects under this statute are LMI Community Solar Projects participating in Group Net Metering
- 3. Stakeholder process and objectives
 - I. DOE staff overview of the stakeholder process and meeting objectives
- 4. Discussion Topic questions:
 - I. Who is eligible for a project under SB270?
 - i. Customers on, or on a waiting list for, Electric Assistance Program
 - ii. Utility to prepare and maintain list of eligible EAP customers
 - II. How will projects apply, be designated, and be registered as groups?
 - i. Project application process:
 - 1. Should projects be reviewed on a rolling basis? Should projects be reviewed through a competitive RFP process?
 - 2. 6 MW annual cap management; all LMI GNM solar or EAP GNM only?
 - ii. Project designation and group registration:
 - 1. How will EAP project selection and registration align or not align with current group host registration requirements and processes? (Enrollment outlined in SB270 and GNM registration process outlined through statute and current rules).
 - 2. How to address customer data/confidentiality considerations and project designation, group registration processes?
 - 3. How should EAP customers be allocated/enrolled in projects?
 - a. For example, should allocations be issued by location (zipcode?) Should allocations be issued based on need/EAP credit levels? Should allocation be "first-come first served" for projects deemed eligible, and what would that entail?
 - III. Group Management: Eligibility/Membership and group changes
 - i. When and how does group membership status change; for example, moving from one meter to another meter? Moving specifically out of a certain zipcode?

Moving out of a service territory entirely? When EAP eligibility expires? How does this align with current group change and member eligibility rules?

- ii. How implement EAP customer opt-out election?
- IV. Group Net Metering Current Rule and Statutory Requirements
 - i. Minimum 12% on-bill credit requirement (Puc 909.13(h))
 - ii. Limitations on outside agreements with LMI members (Puc 909.13(d)(8))
 - iii. Current group requirements for registration, including list of members, historic annual load information, and executed member agreements (362-A:9(a); Puc 909.09; Puc 909.05)
 - iv. Current group change rules for OBC groups (Puc 909.06 (c)(4))
 - v. Current 'same service-territory' requirement for group members (RSA 362-A:9, XIV(a))
- V. GNM LMI Adder EAP projects and REF LMI Grant Program- cross eligibility?
- 5. Next Steps and schedule for program development and potential rules amendment process