

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 19-0855-RULE

Proposed revisions to Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 5.100	
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Order entered: 01/18/2024

NOTICE OF ADOPTED RULE AND REQUIRED COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILINGS

On January 4, 2024, the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules approved revisions to Rule 5.100, the rule governing the installation and operation of net-metering systems. The revisions will take effect on March 1, 2024.¹

Pursuant to Commission Rule 5.134, effective March 1, 2024, the utilities must review their net-metering tariffs to ensure they are consistent with the new version of the Rule and file any tariff revisions necessary. The revised rule will require minor adjustments to utilities' net-metering tariffs. Utility tariffs specify the eligibility criteria for "pre-existing systems" consistent with Commission Rule 5.125. Utility tariffs will need to be revised to reflect the following revisions to Rule 5.125(A):

- (A) Eligibility. A pre-existing net-metering system must:
- (1) have a complete CPG application filed with the Commission prior to January 1, 2017; ~~and~~
 - (2) the complete CPG application must have been filed at a time when the electric company was accepting net-metering systems pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a(h)(1)(A) as the statute existed on December 31, 2016, or qualified under state law as a system that did not count towards the capacity limit on net-metering contained in that statute; and
 - (3) not have been amended to increase its capacity by more than 5% or 15 kW, whichever is greater, after the effective date of this Rule.


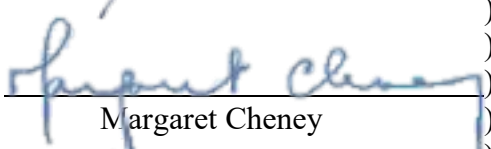
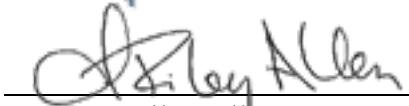
Utilities should also review their tariffs generally to ensure consistency with the new Rule and propose any additional revisions necessary.

¹ March 1, 2024, is also the effective date of revisions to Commission Rule 5.500 (Interconnection Procedures for Proposed Electric Generation Resources) that, in conjunction with the changes to Commission Rule 5.100, harmonize those two rules.

Utilities are requested to file revised tariffs with the Commission by no later than February 9, 2024, for effect on March 1, 2024. The Vermont Department of Public Service is requested to file any comments, including whether it consents to the tariff revisions taking effect with less than 45-days' notice, by February 23, 2024. The Commission recognizes the truncated nature of the foregoing timeline and appreciates the utilities' and the Department's efforts to expeditiously implement the new version of Rule 5.100.


SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18th day of January, 2024.

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