

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Procedures applicable to requests to attribute more than one net-metering system to a group pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E)	
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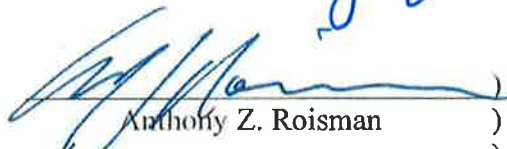


ORDER ADOPTING REVISED PROCEDURES

In this Order, the Vermont Public Utility Commission adopts revisions to its Procedures Applicable to Requests to Attribute More Than One Net-Metering System to a Group Pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E). These revisions implement Act 81 of 2019, which increased the amount of net-metering capacity that may be attributed to a school or school district. The procedures have also been revised to allow notice of requests to be provided to utilities using ePUC, instead of through the mail.

Annotated and clean versions of the revised procedures are attached to this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of September, 2019.

 _____ Anthony Z. Roisman)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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 _____ Margaret Cheney)	COMMISSION
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 _____ Sarah Hofmann)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: September 25, 2019

Attest: Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Commission

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Standards and Procedures Applicable to Requests to Attribute More Than One Net-Metering System to a Group Pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E)

Section I. Applicability; Effective Dates

- (a) These ~~filing~~ procedures are applicable to requests to attribute more than one net-metering system to a group pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E).
- (b) These filing procedures are effective ~~October 9, 2017~~ September 25, 2019.

Section II. Definitions

The following definitions apply to these procedures:

- (1) “Applicant” means a person requesting to attribute more than one net-metering system to a group pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E).
- (2) “Clerk of the Commission” means the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, or Acting Clerk of the Vermont Public Utility Commission, ~~as the context allows~~.
- (3) “Commission” means the Vermont Public Utility Commission.
- (4) “CPG” means a certificate of public good issued or deemed issued by the Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a or 8010.
- (5) “Department” means the Vermont Department of Public Service.
- (5) “ePUC” means the Commission-designated system that provides for the electronic filing of documents with the Commission and for the electronic issuance of documents by the Commission.
- (6) “Request” means a request to attribute more than one net-metering system to a net-metering group made pursuant to Commission Rule 5.129(E).

Section III. Procedures for Filing a Request

- (a) A request may be filed with the Clerk of the Commission either in paper or through ePUC. ~~A copy of the request shall be provided by mail to the interconnecting utility.~~ If the request is filed in paper, then ~~an a copy of the request must be provided~~ the Applicant must provide a copy of the request by mail to the Department ~~and the utility~~.
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- (1) the CPG number for each net-metering system to be attributed to ~~a~~the group;
- (2) the name(s) and address(s) of the holder(s) of each CPG;
- (3) the location and number of each meter to be included in the net-metering group;
- (4) the manner of allocating net-metering credits to the group members;
- (5) the cumulative capacity of all net-metering systems to be attributed to the group;
- (6) an affirmation that the new merged group will not result in any single customer being allocated more than 500 kW of net-metering capacity, unless the Applicant is a school or school district, in which case the Applicant must include an affirmation that the new merged group will not result in a school or school district being allocated more than the applicable limit set forth in Section 6 of Act 81 of 2019; and
- (7) the name and contact information for the person responsible for communication with the net-metering group.

Section IV. Procedure for the Processing of a Request

- (a) Upon filing, a request will be reviewed for completeness. A request that does not contain all of the information required by ~~this~~these procedures will be rejected.
- (b) Upon receipt of a complete request, the interconnecting utility shall, within 30 days, either:
 - (1) implement the request; or
 - (2) file a statement with the Commission, with copies to the ~~applicant~~Applicant and the Department, explaining why the request should be denied.
- (c) In cases where the interconnecting utility implements the request, the request shall be deemed approved.
- (d) In cases where the interconnecting utility files a statement pursuant to (b)(2), above, the Commission will, after opportunity for comment by the Department and the ~~applicant~~Applicant, rule on the request. Such comments shall be filed within 14 calendar days after the interconnecting utility files a statement pursuant to (b)(2), above.

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