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Proposed amendment, Rep. Grohoski

Amend the bill in sections 3 and 4 as follows (changes shaded):

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3152, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. In accordance with section 3157, require the commission to establish incentive rates to promote support the installation and operation of electric vehicle charging stations.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3157 is enacted to read:

§3157. Electric vehicle charging stations; incentive alternative rates

The commission shall review and approve incentive rates for to support electric vehicle charging stations for non-residential applications, including, but not limited to, for light-duty vehicles, heavier-duty vehicles and fleet vehicles, in accordance with this section.

1. Proposed incentive alternative rate schedules. The commission shall direct each transmission and distribution utility to develop and submit by November 1, 2021 a one or more proposed incentive rate schedule schedules to promote support the installation and sustainable operation of existing and new electric vehicle charging stations. The commission shall open an inquiry into and accept public comment on such rate schedules, including any proposals for such rate schedules, both in advance of and during its consideration of the proposed rate schedules required to be submitted under this subsection. A proposed incentive rate schedule proposed by a transmission and distribution utility in accordance with this subsection:

A. Must be designed to support electric vehicle charging and align with and support relevant strategies of the State's climate action plan adopted and updated under Title 38, section 577 and to help achieve the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels under Title 38, section 576-A; and

B. Must include an evaluation of the relative direct and indirect costs and benefits associated with each proposed incentive rate and must account for varying scenarios of electric vehicle adoption and usage.

2. Review. The commission, after notice and hearing, shall determine whether a proposed incentive rate schedule submitted pursuant to subsection 1 meets the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph A and, using the information provided under subsection 1, paragraph B

and any other information available to the commission, shall evaluate the costs and benefits of the proposed schedule. After completing that determination and evaluation and after consideration of public comments submitted pursuant to subsection 1, including any proposals for alternatives to the proposed rate schedule, the commission shall approve, approve with modifications or reject the proposed schedule. If the commission rejects the proposed schedule, the commission may either order the utility to implement ~~an incentive~~ a rate schedule established by the commission or direct the utility to submit a new proposed schedule that meets the requirements of this section.

3. Revisions. Not more than once every 3 years following the establishment of a transmission and distribution utility's ~~incentive~~ rate schedule pursuant to this section, the transmission and distribution utility may file with the commission an application to revise the schedule. The application under this subsection must include a description of the changing costs or conditions necessitating the proposed revision. The commission shall review a revision submitted under this subsection in the same manner and using the same criteria as provided under subsection 2, except that, in reviewing such proposed revisions, the commission may consider any clean transportation recommendations included in the State's climate action plan adopted and updated under Title 38, section 577 as well as the results of any completed or ongoing pilot program in the State related to electric vehicle charging.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the rate schedules for electric vehicle charging stations proposed in the bill are to apply to non-residential applications only, including, but not limited to, for electric vehicle charging for light-duty, heavier-duty and fleet vehicles. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to open an inquiry into and accept public comment on such rate schedules both in advance of and during its consideration of the rate schedules submitted by transmission and distribution utilities. The amendment also provides that, in reviewing proposed revisions to an established rate schedule, the commission may consider any clean transportation recommendations included in the State's climate action plan as well as the results of any completed or ongoing pilot program related to electric vehicle charging.