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7 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

8 On or before January 15, 2028, the Chair of the Public Utility Commission shall file final
9 proposed rules with the Secretary of State and Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules
10 for the certificate of public good process under 30 V.S.A. § 248a. The rules shall seek to
11 improve transparency and public participation, efficiency, and fairness in the siting process and
12 shall address the following topics and/or procedures:

13 (1) public hearings the advance notice process;
14 (2) site visits petition submission requirements based on project categories;
15 (3) balloon tests the post-petition comment period;
16 (4) discovery contested case proceedings following a “significant issue” determination;
17 (5) motion practice the conduct of evidentiary hearings ;
18 (6) setbacks evidentiary burdens for Section 248a criteria;
19 (7) the scope of standing and the process for municipal entities and regional planning
20 commissions to provide recommendations supplements and amendments to a pending petition;
21 (8) the process for public participation in evidentiary hearings transfers of certificates of
22 public good; and
23 (9) any other issues topics the Commission wants to consider determines should be addressed
24 through rules following consultation with stakeholders.

25 To the extent that the Commission determines that one or more of the foregoing topics are more
26 expeditiously addressed through an order pursuant to 30 V.S.A. 248a(l), it may do so, provided
27 that it explain its reasoning as part of the final proposed rules under this Section.