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A. Purpose of Technical Statement

This technical statement is being provided in accordance with the requirements of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Puc 1605.02. The statement will describe revised tariff language that Eversource believes will properly address a recent development in the types of customers that may reasonably desire access to interval data services.

B. Background

Page 33 of Eversource delivery tariff NHPUC No. 9 describes the applicability of certain “Interval Data Services” that Eversource offers to its’ customers. At present, the applicability is limited to customers who are rendered service under the Company’s Primary General Delivery Service Rate GV, Large General Delivery Service Rate LG and Backup Delivery Service Rate B. Since only Rate GV, LG and B customers require interval meters for the purpose of rendering a bill for delivery service, and since interval meters are a threshold requirement to take advantage of the aforementioned “Interval Data Services,” the tariff was originally written with this exclusive applicability.

Of late, certain customer-generators are receiving service via an interval meter, yet take service under General Delivery Service Rate G. These customer-generators include hydro-electric independent power producers (“IPPs”) that have transitioned from being treated as Qualifying Facilities (*see* Section 33 of tariff NHPUC No. 9) to being enrolled in the net metering program as Group Hosts. While billing and compensation as a Group Host does not *per se* require an interval meter, these IPPs have been, and will continue to be, registered as Settlement Only Generators (SOGs) in the ISO-NE wholesale market and, as such, require interval meters in order to report hourly generation to ISO-NE. Certain of these Group Hosts have requested interval data from the Company. During the time selling power to the Company under Section 33 (Rate for Purchase from Qualifying Facilities), the IPPs have become accustomed to receiving hourly production data (and hourly ISO-NE pricing data) from the Company. As billing and

payment calculations for Group Hosts do not require the manipulation of interval data, the billing statements provided to these customers no longer contain the desired information. Thus, the Company desires that these customers be able to obtain interval data by using one or more of the standard tariff options that will now be available to them, should the revised tariff page become effective.

C. Impact of the tariff revision on Eversource revenues

Currently, there are 23 hydro-electric customer-generators operating as net metering Group Hosts. Eversource estimates that there are 21 additional hydro-electric generators that could potentially transition to this program, should they choose. While only a small number of these sites will likely enroll in "Interval Data Services," Eversource conservatively assumes (below) that all 44 are candidates. Further, while there is a growing number of solar photovoltaic ("PV") facilities enrolled as Group Hosts, to date, all of these PV facilities have been equipped with production monitoring technologies that do not rely on Eversource metering. As such, Eversource does not consider these facilities as likely candidates for "Interval Data Services."

As of November 2016, Eversource had 84 Rate GV customers and 58 Rate LG customers that receive interval data services and pay the tariff rate of \$25 per month for a total of \$3,675 each month. This total includes several customers who pay to receive interval data services for multiple metering locations behind their billing meter. As described above, the Company anticipates that no more than 44 additional accounts (e.g. Rate G Group Hosts) will enroll in this service. Eversource considers the potential incremental revenues (up to \$1,100 per month) from their enrollment to be immaterial.

D. Revised Tariff Pages

Eversource has enclosed a revised tariff page, in both clean and "black-lined" versions, incorporating the revised applicability described above. Eversource requests that the Commission allow the tariff page to become effective in 30 days, or as ordered by the Commission.