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David J. Alukonis, Director
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**Re: Rulemaking Notice 2019-162
Puc 900 Rules, Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy
Generation Resources of 1,000 Kilowatts or Less
NHPUC Docket No. DRM 19-158**

Dear Director Alukonis:

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:40, IV, the Public Utilities Commission hereby requests a second waiver of the deadline and further extension of the period for filing a final rulemaking proposal with respect to the readoption with amendments of N.H. Admin. R., Chapter 900, the Commission's rules for Net Metering for Customer-Owned Renewable Energy Generation Resources of 1,000 Kilowatts or Less.

The 150-day period for filing of that final proposal under RSA 541-A:12, I would have expired on February 23, 2020 in the absence of a waiver and extension. The Commission requested a waiver and 30-day extension on February 14, 2020 and that request was granted by the Director on February 18, 2020, establishing a new filing deadline of March 24, 2020.

The Commission believes good cause exists for a second waiver and further extension of the filing deadline for an additional period of thirty (30) days, until April 23, 2020. The Commission adopted a Final Proposal for the Puc 900 rules during a public meeting held on March 11, 2020, and filed a Request for Amended Fiscal Impact Statement with the Legislative Budget Assistant on March 12, 2020. The Amended Fiscal Impact Statement was received on March 23, 2020. However, we have experienced delays in obtaining certain necessary documentary materials to be incorporated by reference in the Puc 900 rules, as proposed for readoption with amendments in the Final Proposal.

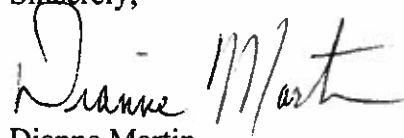
The Commission believes the delays experienced may be related to, and further impacted by, the current state of emergency based on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, as declared by Governor Sununu in Executive Order 2020-04 issued on March 13, 2020. As a result of such delays, the Commission has determined that more time is required to complete the current phase

of the rulemaking process, and therefore is submitting this second deadline waiver and extension request.

It is imperative that the current rulemaking process be continued, rather than initiating a new rulemaking, because many provisions of the Puc 900 rules would otherwise expire given they became effective on September 20, 2011. In addition, we believe there is substantial stakeholder interest in seeing the new Puc 900 rules provisions implementing Chapter 271, Laws of 2019 (Senate Bill 165) become effective in the near future.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you should have any questions regarding the request, please feel free to contact me or David Wiesner, Legal Division Director, as contact person for the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" and the last name "Martin" clearly distinguishable.

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