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**Re: DE 16-576, Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or
Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators
Request for Modification of Hearings Schedule**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Based on the likelihood that one or more settlement agreements will be filed in this docket and the scope of the hearings therefore may be more focused and limited, Commission Staff has proposed the following changes to the procedural schedule for the proceeding:

1. The first week of scheduled hearings, March 7-10, 2017, be cancelled;
2. Settlement agreement(s) and supporting statements and/or testimony be filed by Friday, March 10, 2017;
3. A prehearing technical session be scheduled during the week of March 13-17, 2017; and
4. Hearings on the settlement agreement(s) and any related issues be held during the week of March 27-31, 2017, with the understanding that the duration of the daily hearings may extend beyond 4:30 p.m.

Staff believes that the proposed changes would provide parties a greater opportunity to develop and file settlement proposals and to prepare for hearing. Staff has communicated to the parties its proposal to modify the hearings schedule, and has received indications of support for and no objections to that proposal.

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed revisions to the procedural schedule for this proceeding.

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I hereby certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the official service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

David K. Wiesner
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