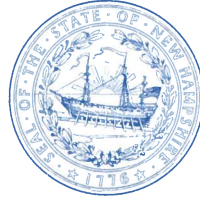


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**Re: DE 16-576, Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators Report of February 8, 2018 Working Group Session on Value of DER Study Scope Development and Request for Extension of Deadline to File Final Report**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 8, 2018, representatives of various parties and Commission Staff (Staff) convened for a meeting of the working group tasked with development of the scope and timeline for the value of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) study to be conducted in this proceeding, as directed by the Commission in Order No. 26,029 (June 23, 2017). Under that order, Staff is required to file a "final report containing the proposed value of DER study scope and timeline ... within eight months from the date of this Order for review and approval by the Commission prior to engaging the study consultant." June 23<sup>rd</sup> Order at 61-62. The applicable deadline for that filing is February 23, 2018.

The working group met several times between July and February. Meeting topics and discussion focused on gaining an understanding of various approaches to valuing DERs, reviewing and discussing study methodologies, and outlining potential avoided costs and other benefits to be considered within the value of DER study.

During the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, there was general consensus that it would be beneficial to have more time to develop the proposed value of DER study scope, in order to draw on the expertise of certain outside advisors during one or more further working group sessions. The parties represented at the February working group session agreed that Staff should ask for a 60-day extension of time to make the required filing.

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the Commission extend by 60 days the deadline for filing the final report containing the proposed value of DER study scope and timeline, until April 24, 2018.

Staff also requests that a value of DER study scope working group session be scheduled for March 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wiesner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David K. Wiesner  
Staff Attorney

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