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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 Further Extension of Deadline to File Locational Study Design Report**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 26,124 (April 30, 2018), the Commission directed that parties and Staff focus on determination of the locational value of distributed generation (DG) to the utility distribution system through study and analysis of relevant data, rather than through development and implementation of non-wires alternative pilot programs. The Commission directed parties in the working group process to evaluate alternative study designs and methodologies to address the potential locational value of DG on the utility distribution system, and it encouraged Staff to "leverage the resources and expertise available through the [Clean Energy States Alliance – National Renewable Energy Laboratory (CESA-NREL)] research initiative" to develop the scope and data requirements for the locational value study. The Commission stated that the analysis of locational value "might be addressed either through a separate study or within the scope of the Value of DER study, depending on which approach is determined to be most effective and efficient."

Under Order No. 26,124, Staff was required to file a report containing the proposed scope and timeline for the distribution-level locational DG valuation study within three months of the date of the order. On behalf of the parties, Staff previously requested and was granted an extension to file the report until October 30, 2018.

Staff has developed and circulated a detailed draft study scope outline and has recently received extensive comments on that outline from a diverse group of stakeholders. One stakeholder has requested additional time to conduct discovery regarding the marginal cost of service study filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, and that request has

not yet been resolved. Based on these developments, Staff believes that additional time is necessary to complete and file the proposed study scope outline for Commission review.

Staff therefore requests that the deadline for submission of the report containing the proposed scope and timeline for the distribution-level locational DG valuation study be further extended for one month, until November 30, 2018.

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 K. Wiesner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "z".

David K. Wiesner  
Staff Attorney

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