

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or
Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators

Docket No. DE 16-576

Motion to Extend Due Date for Value of Distributed Energy Resources Study

NOW COMES the Department of Energy (Department), a party to this docket under RSA 12-P:9, and respectfully moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to extend the due date for completion and filing of the Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VDER) Study from March 31, 2022 to May 31, 2022. In support of this request, the Department states as follows:

1. In Order No. 26,316 (December 18, 2019), the Commission directed that Commission Staff (now the Department) complete and file the VDER Study in this proceeding by the end of the second calendar quarter of 2021. The Commission subsequently extended that date until the end of the first calendar quarter of 2022 (i.e., March 31, 2022) in Order No. 26,456 (February 11, 2021).
2. As a result of unavoidable delays experienced in the performance and completion of the VDER Study by the Department and its outside consultant, the current March 31, 2022 study completion date is no longer achievable. The Department currently anticipates that the VDER Study will be completed and filed in late April or early May; however, the Department proposes that the due date be extended through the end of May to avoid the need for further extensions.
3. Accordingly, the Department requests that the Commission modify Order No. 26,316 through an order or order *nisi* to extend the specified completion date for the VDER Study until

May 31, 2022. The Department anticipates there will be no opposition to the proposed due date modification.

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that this honorable Commission:

- A. Extend the specified date for completion and filing of the VDER Study from March 31, 2022 until May 31, 2022;
- B. Waive the 10-day objection period specified in Puc 203.07(e) and require that any objections to this motion be filed within three business days of this motion; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this pleading was provided via electronic mail to the individuals included on the Commission's service list for this docket

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