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Scott F. Eaton, Director
Administrative Rules Office
Office of Legislative Services
State House Annex, Room 219
25 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

**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 Eaton:

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:40, IV, the Public Utilities Commission hereby requests waiver of the deadline and 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 expire on February 23, 2020 in the absence of such a waiver and extension.

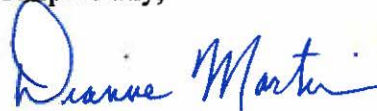
The Commission believes good cause exists for a waiver and extension of said deadline for a period of thirty (30) days, until March 24, 2020. The proposed rules amendments are primarily intended to update the Puc 900 rules to address recent statutory amendments and orders of the Commission issued pursuant to RSA 362-A:9, XVI in Docket No. DE 16-576. In particular, the proposed amendments are intended to implement Senate Bill 165, enacted as 2019 N.H. Laws Chapter 271 (SB 165). SB 165 provides an option for customer-generators registered as group net metering hosts and their group members to receive on-bill credits rather than monthly cash payments, and it also provides for an additional net metering compensation credit amount for distributed generation solar energy projects that group net meter and meet the statutory definition of a "low-moderate income community solar project."

Because of the relative complexity involved in the implementation of SB 165, Commission Staff conducted numerous stakeholder outreach sessions and prepared a Draft Final Proposal, which was addressed in a second public hearing and a second opportunity for written comment submission. The second set of written comments were only recently received, and the Commission currently is in the process of considering those comments before adopting its Final proposal. The Commission would then request an amended fiscal impact statement from the Legislative Budget Assistant before filing the Final Proposal with your office.

As a result of the additional public input process described above, the Commission has determined that more time is required to complete the current phase of the rulemaking process, and therefore is submitting this deadline waiver and extension request.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you should have any questions regarding the request or need additional information, please contact me or David Wiesner, Legal Division Director.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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