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Re: DE 17-172, Development of Renewable Energy Fund Programs for Low and Moderate Income Residential Customers Under SB 129 (2017)

Notice of Public Comment Hearing and Opportunity for Written Comments

To Interested Persons:

On December, 11, 2018, Commission Staff filed a memorandum recommending issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for community solar photovoltaic (PV) projects that will provide direct benefits to low and moderate income (LMI) residential electric customers. Selected PV projects will allow the Commission to meet the statutory requirements of Senate Bill 129 (2017). See RSA 362-F: 10, VI, VIII, X. Staff further recommended that the RFP process be used to review and accept proposals for both state fiscal years (FYs) 2019 and 2020.

Staff's December 11<sup>th</sup> recommendation memorandum may be found on the Commission's website at: <a href="https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-172.html">https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-172.html</a>.

The Commission has scheduled a public comment hearing on **January 2, 2019**, at 10:00 a.m., to address the recommended RFP process for the proposed two-year period. In addition, written comments regarding Staff's recommendation may be submitted until close of business on January 9, 2019.

Subsequent to the receipt of public comments, the Commission will determine if the RFP proposal for FYs 2019 and 2020 is the appropriate approach to meet the requirements of SB 129 (2017).

Sincerely,

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