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Re: DE 21-096, Net Metering Avoided Cost Calculations Pursuant to Puc 903.02
Granting Waiver of Puc 903.02(o)(7)a.

To the Electric Utilities and Interested Stakeholders:

On May 11, 2021, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission waive New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 903.02(o)(7)a., which requires the Commission to determine its annual net metering avoided cost calculation using verifiable hourly generation output data on file by April 5; if such data is not available, then the avoided cost calculation must be based on modeled hourly photovoltaic (PV) performance data. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 903.02(o)(7)b. Staff recommended an extension of the data collection deadline from April 5 to May 10, 2021.

In its memorandum, Staff explained that using actual hourly generation output data from PV systems operating in New Hampshire, rather than modelled data, results in a more accurate net metering avoided cost calculation. Staff stated, however, that actual PV generation output data was not available until May 10, 2021. According to Staff, waiving Puc 903.02(o)(7)a. in this instance would serve the public interest, because the purpose of the rule would be satisfied by the alternative method of allowing Staff additional time to obtain and verify actual PV system data. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05(b)(2). Staff noted that the Commission previously approved its recommendation to extend the deadline for receipt of actual PV generation output data in Docket No. DE 20-093.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's recommendation for a waiver of Puc 903.02(o)(7)a., and it has determined that the standards for a rule waiver set forth in Puc 201.05 have been satisfied. Accordingly, the deadline for receipt of actual generation output data from New Hampshire PV systems is extended to May 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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