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#### Availability:

This short-term purchase arrangement shall be available to Qualifying Facilities (QFs) interconnected with the Company. Qualifying Facilities shall mean small power producers and cogenerators that meet the criteria specified by (i) FERC in 18 C.F.R. §§ 292.203 (a) and (b); or; (ii) the definition of "limited producer" or "limited electrical energy producer" in NHRSA 362-A:1-a and who meet the requirements of RSA 362-A:3, II.

Nothing shall prohibit the Company from separately contracting for generation purchases from QFs. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect, modify or amend terms and conditions of an existing Qualifying Facility's contract or rate order with respect to the sale of its energy or capacity.

#### Selling Options:

QFs may sell to the Company or wheel through the Company. All generation sold to the Company shall be resold at the ISO-NE market clearing price and subject to appropriate charges as if the power was wheeled through the Company and sold directly to ISO-NE.

#### Metering:

Generators selling to the Company shall install metering as specified by the Company to satisfy ISO-NE requirements as they may change from time to time. Projects shall be charged a standard monthly service fee for metering service as approved by the appropriate regulatory agency.

#### Net Metering:

Projects 1,000 kilowatts and under using renewable generation shall have the option of being served under the Net Energy Billing Service as specified by NH RSA 362-A:9: the rules promulgated by the appropriate regulatory agency; and Commission Order No. 25,972 in Docket No. DE 16-576, which preserves the current net metering program during the interim period beginning March 2, 2017, and ending when a subsequent order is issued approving a successor alternative net metering tariff.

#### Rates:

Qualifying Facilities selling their output to the Company will be eligible to receive Short Term Avoided Cost Rates equal to the payments received by the Company for the sale of QF generation to the ISO-NE power exchange, adjusted for line losses, wheeling costs and administrative costs incurred by the Company for the transaction. Projects shall be charged a standard monthly service fee for billing service as approved by the appropriate regulatory agency.

#### Wheeling Charges:

The Company reserves the right to impose any appropriate wheeling charges (including distribution wheeling charges) for generation transmitted through the Company and sold to ISO-NE and others as may be approved by the appropriate regulatory agency.

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