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Debra A. Howland  
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**Re:** Docket No. DE 16-576 - Electric Distribution Utilities Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Director Howland:

This status report is being filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for the service territory of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “the Company”) pursuant to Order No. 26,297, requiring each utility to file such a report on the development of all Low and Moderate Income (“LMI”) community solar projects within the utility’s service territory that are eligible for the additional monetary credit of the net metering adder for LMI projects created by SB 165, codified in RSA 362-A:9, XIV(c), (“SB 165 adder”).

Order No. 26,297 suspended the utility LMI solar pilot program development for two years starting July 2019 due to the passage of legislation including SB 165, so that the market would have an opportunity to respond to such legislation by developing LMI community solar projects eligible for the SB 165 adder without duplicative utility pilots being concurrently developed. Avoiding redundant efforts was not only the motivation behind the suspension created by Order No. 26,297, but was also a chief concern in Order No. 26,029 in this same docket that originally directed the utilities to develop such pilots: “[w]e direct the utilities and Staff to develop pilot programs that are consistent with, and not duplicative of, any such other programs and projects required under enacted legislation.” (Order No. 26,029 at 63).

However, if by July 1, 2021, any given utility does not have two active SB 165 adder-eligible projects within its service territory, Order 26,297 directs that utility to develop an LMI community solar pilot program consistent with the requirements of Order No. 26,029 and file it with the Commission no later than October 1, 2021.

At this time, Eversource only has one active project seeking qualification for the SB 165 LMI adder in its service territory and plans to file a pilot program proposal by October 1, 2021. To facilitate these efforts, Eversource has recently distributed a Request for Information (“RFI”) on LMI community solar projects to a broad and diverse range of stakeholder communities, focusing the questions on identifying barriers to developing such projects. The intent of the RFI is to receive meaningful input from a variety of stakeholders that will allow Eversource to best leverage its resources and capabilities to develop a targeted pilot designed to reduce these project hurdles and facilitate successful LMI project development. The RFI has been distributed to this

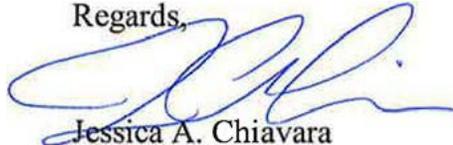
service list and those of related and relevant dockets. Additionally, Eversource has gratefully received support from Clean Energy New Hampshire and the Conservation Law Foundation in distributing and raising awareness about the RFI to their networks. The response period for the RFI will remain open until July 15, 2021.

Below, for the Commission's information, is the status of the active group net metering solar project seeking approval for the SB 165 adder in Eversource's service territory. This is the only SB 165 adder-eligible project within Eversource's service territory.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>System Size</b>	<b>In-Service Date</b>	<b>Number of Participating Customers</b>	<b>NH PUC Grant Recipient</b>	<b>SB 165 LMI Adder Status</b>
White Rock Cooperative Estates	Tilton, NH	66.6kW	11/24/2020	24	Yes	Pending Approval

Eversource appreciates the Commission's dedication to developing this important work and looks forward to contributing to that development later this year. Pursuant to current Commission policy, this filing is being made electronically only.

Regards,



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CC: DE 16-576 Service List