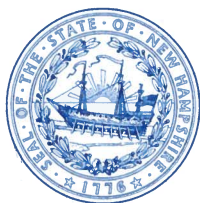


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RE: Docket No. DE 16-576, Electric Utilities
Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs, &c.

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter responds to the pleading filed today by certain parties captioned "Motion to Focus the Issues at Hearing."

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (which did not have an opportunity to join or to review the motion prior to its submission) supports the motion with one exception. We request that to the list of issues deemed relevant for consideration at hearing the topic of "community net metering for low- and moderate-income consumers" be added.

Having had extensive discussions with numerous parties in recent days about the issues raised in the "Focus" motion, I would observe there appears to be consensus among active parties that limitations along the lines described in the motion would be helpful. I hope in these circumstances the Commission will find a way to provide some clarity for the parties as they prepare for hearing.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact our office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Maurice Kreis".

D. Maurice Kreis
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service list via electronic mail