

Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs
and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and
Tariffs for Customer-Generators
Docket No. DE 16-576

Eversource Set 1 Data Requests on Rebuttal Testimony to Commission Staff



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Witness: Stan Faryniarz

Request:

Reference Bates Page 41 line 19 to Page 42 line 3, which states “As such, Staff recommends that the Commission not adopt or endorse a specific list of covered costs and benefits, leaving open the possibility that a range of DG benefits, including certain externalities and other societal benefits to the extent they are demonstrable and quantifiable and not subject to double-counting, may be included in future well-designed and data-supported benefit-cost studies.”

- a. Please identify who would be responsible for determining which costs and benefits would be included in such a study and the criteria for determining which are “demonstrable and quantifiable.”
- b. Does Staff have a suggested model (i.e. from another state) that is an example of the type of analyses being suggested? If so, please provide such model.

Response:

- (a) It is Staff’s expectation that the utilities and/or other parties to this proceeding, or any separate docket or stakeholder process that may follow from it, would be responsible for conducting the recommended studies and determining which, if any, other costs and benefits, potentially including externalities and/or other societal benefits would be included in such studies.
- (b) Staff does not have a suggested model that is a definitive example of the type of analyses of specific costs and benefits contemplated by the rebuttal testimony. Any such specific costs and benefits to be covered by a long-term avoided cost study likely would be identified by the utilities or other stakeholders together with their consultants. The scope and design of the proposed study and the inclusion of any such specific costs and benefits could be vetted with Staff prior to its completion, and the study methodology and results would be reviewed following its submission to the Commission.