

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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Request:

Reference Bates Page 71 lines 6-11. Staff recommends that the Commission remain open to consideration of any demonstrable and quantifiable net benefits associated with relevant externalities, such as the general societal benefits of DG resources, provided that the potential for double counting is adequately mitigated. In this regard, Staff suggests that additional data collection and analysis may be warranted to better understand the potential general societal benefits of DG resources.

- a. Please provide details on the type of data needed and the timeframe for data collection.
- b. Please explain what it means for the Commission to “remain open” to consideration of certain benefits.

Response:

- (a) The types of data needed would include data on potentially relevant general societal benefits of DG resources such as are discussed in the testimonies of certain parties in this docket, including TASC, EFCA, and NHSEA. Relevant data to be collected could include, but not necessarily be limited to, items such as avoided RPS compliance costs and local and regional economic and employment impacts associated with the DG industry. The timeframe for data collection is expected to be a subject of the collaborative working group process recommended by Staff in the rebuttal testimony. These working groups would be convened to develop detailed plans and timelines for further data collection, any required metering and equipment procurement and installation, and the production and dissemination of the additional data collected.
- (b) Staff’s recommendation that the Commission “remain open” to consideration of any demonstrable and quantifiable net benefits associated with relevant externalities, such as the general societal benefits of DG resources, provided that the potential for double counting is adequately mitigated, is consistent with the requirement under RSA 362-A:9, XVI that the Commission consider “the costs and benefits of customer-generator facilities” and with the legislative purpose statement of House Bill 1116. That purpose statement expresses the finding of the legislature that “it is in the public interest to continue to provide reasonable opportunities for electric customers to invest in and

interconnect customer-generator facilities and receive fair compensation for such locally produced power while ensuring costs and benefits are fairly and transparently allocated among all customers,” as well as the legislature’s intention to “continue[] to promote a balanced energy policy that supports economic growth and promotes energy diversity, independence, reliability, efficiency, regulatory predictability, environmental benefits, a fair allocation of costs and benefits, and a modern and flexible electric grid that provides benefits for all ratepayers.” As stated in the Order of Notice for this docket issued on May 19, 2016, the Commission “will be guided by” those legislative purposes as expressed in House Bill 1116.