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Ms. Debra A. Howland
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Re: IR 15-296, Investigation into Grid Modernization
Staff Report and Recommendations

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff hereby files its Report regarding the above-captioned investigation for the Commission's consideration. As discussed in Section 6.0 of the Report, Staff recommends that utilities and stakeholders provide detailed comments and proposals on the contents of the Report and its suggested approach toward electric grid modernization in New Hampshire. Accordingly, Staff requests that the Commission grant leave for all interested persons to file written comments regarding the Staff Report by April 6, 2019.

Please note that a preliminary discussion of cybersecurity and the protection of the electric grid from cyber vulnerabilities is included in this Report. Staff continues to research and work on its findings and recommendations concerning grid modernization and cybersecurity. When complete, Staff anticipates it will file an addendum to the report that further identifies cybersecurity issues related to the electric grid, including current or newly proposed governing standards, and therefore will be included in relevant working group discussions as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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