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Re: DE 15-302, Renewable Energy Incentive Program for Residential Solar and Wind Systems – Scheduling Public Comment Hearing to Consider Program Changes

To Interested Persons:

On September 19, 2017, Commission Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission schedule a public comment hearing, the purpose of which would be to better understand market conditions and determine if program terms and conditions for the Residential Solar and Wind Rebate Program (Residential Program) should be modified prior to reopening the Residential Program to new applicants.

To maximize the benefits of limited Residential Program funding, Staff recommended that the Commission consider changes to the rebate level and other Residential Program terms and conditions. Staff proposed that, to expedite the procedure, Staff would develop recommendations for Residential Program revisions prior to the hearing. Staff will also continue to monitor the Residential Program for expired applications and will provide updated available funding estimates prior to or during the hearing. Staff's memorandum can be found on the Commission's website at: <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-302.html>.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's memorandum and recommendations, and has determined that a public comment hearing to address Program changes shall be held before the Commission on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.** In addition, stakeholders may submit written comments regarding potential Residential Program changes until **October 20, 2017**.

Subsequent to the receipt of public comments, the Commission will determine the appropriate changes to be made to the Residential Program, the timeline for implementation of such changes, and the provisions for transition from the existing to the new Residential Program parameters. Public notice of these Residential Program changes will then be issued through Commission order and new application forms will be prepared for use by rebate applicants.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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