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SUBJECT: DE 16-576, Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators
Staff Recommendation to Modify Order No. 26,316 to Extend Completion Date for Value of DER Study

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Commission Staff (Staff) recommends modifying Commission Order No. 26,316 (December 18, 2019) to extend the completion date for the Value of Distributed Energy Resources Study (VDER Study) from the end of the second calendar quarter of 2021 until the end of the first calendar quarter of 2022. In that Order, at page 23, the Commission stated:

Consistent with Staff's general timeframe, we direct Staff to issue a request for proposals in the first quarter of 2020 and engage a consultant to perform the VDER Study, with a study report and findings delivered by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

As a result of unavoidable delays experienced in the competitive solicitation process to engage a consultant to perform the VDER Study, through Request for Proposals #2020-001, that specified study completion date is no longer realistic and Staff recommends that it be extended until the end of the first quarter of 2022 (i.e., March 31, 2022).

Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission modify Order No. 26,316 through an order *nisi* to extend the specified completion date for the VDER Study until March 31, 2022. Staff does not anticipate there will be any opposition to that proposed modification.

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