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SUBJECT: Docket No. DE 17-007
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Staff Recommendation Regarding Proposed Tariff Amendment
Regarding Interval Data Access

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Summary

On January 10, 2017, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a proposed amendment to the tariff relating to Interval Data Services as described in the Terms and Conditions for Energy Service Suppliers, Original Page 33 of NHPUC No. 9, Eversource's tariff. This tariff currently is applicable only to Primary General Delivery Service (Rate GV), Large General Delivery Service (Rate LG), and Backup Delivery Service (Rate B) customers; however, certain hydro-electric facilities that have transitioned from Qualifying Facility status to group net metering host, who are typically served under General Delivery Service (Rate G), would like to subscribe to the interval data service. Staff recommends that the Commission allow Eversource's proposed tariff, which permits customers, regardless of rate class, to subscribe to the interval data services, to go into effect on February 9, 2017.

Background

On January 10, 2017, Eversource filed a proposed amendment to the tariff relating to access to Interval Data Services as described in Section 2 of the Terms and Conditions for Energy Service Suppliers, Original Page 33 of Eversource's tariff, NH PUC No. 9. Currently, the interval data subscriptions are limited to Rate GV, Rate LG, and Rate B customers. These customers have interval meters to determine the rates, and Eversource

provides the option for the customer to subscribe to this service to obtain the detailed interval data. Eversource charges a customer \$25.00 per month, or \$300.00 per year, for access to interval data, and charges \$50.00 for a one-time request for such data.

Eversource has requested this tariff change because many of the hydro-electric facilities that used to be treated as Qualifying Facilities under Section 33 of tariff NHPUC No. 9 (Original Page 24) are now group hosts under the net metering program per Puc 900 and tariff NHPUC No. 9 (Original Page 24). As QFs, these facilities received hourly production data from Eversource. They would like to continue to receive such data because many do not have another production meter. Based on their retail load, these net metered hydro-electric facilities are typically served under Rate G, which is not one of the customer classes that currently is eligible to subscribe to the interval data service. As proposed, this tariff change would make the subscription service available to any customer who wishes to install (or already has) an interval meter and subscribes to the interval data service, regardless of the customer's rate tariff.

Eversource states that currently 23 hydro-electric facilities are group hosts under the net metering program, and Eversource estimates that 21 additional hydro-electric facilities could potentially transition to the net metering group host program. Eversource notes that many photovoltaic facilities are also enrolling as group net metering hosts, but these customers install their own production meters and do not rely on the interval data services.

If all of the hydro-electric sites decide to enroll in the monthly interval data service, Eversource estimates that revenues would increase by at most \$1,100 per month (or \$13,200 per year). Currently, Eversource states that they have 84 Rate GV customers and 58 Rate LG customers that subscribe to this service and pay \$25 per month for a total monthly revenue of \$3,675 or \$44,100 per year¹. These current revenues include several customers who pay for the service for multiple metering locations.

The proposed change also deletes the language stating that Eversource will provide the metering equipment at its expense. Instead the standard metering provision of Section 14 of tariff NHPUC No. 9 (Original Page 15), is applicable, which states that Eversource will provide the standard meter for a customer, but customers requesting non-standard meters must pay any additional installation and equipment costs.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission allow Eversource's proposed tariff, which permits customers, regardless of rate class, to subscribe to the interval data services, to go into effect on February 9, 2017.

¹ Rate B is a subclass of Rate GV and Rate LG, so data is not presented for this class separately.

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