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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DE 22-060; Consideration of Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Following the January 5, 2023, prehearing conference in the above matter, the parties met in technical session and subsequently via email and developed a proposed procedural schedule for this docket. Today, I received final approval from the parties listed below, which appears to be all parties to the docket.

The concept behind this schedule is, first, to hold three stakeholder sessions at which the parties can discuss what changes are needed to the current net metering tariff and work toward consensus on as many solutions as is possible. Given the number of parties involved and the complexity of the issues, the parties agreed to allocate several months to this effort.

Second, the proposed schedule then takes the form of a typical adjudicative docket, with opening testimony and proposed tariffs by the utilities, the opportunity for all other parties to file testimony, rebuttal testimony, discovery, technical sessions, and a hearing. The reasons for the time between the last stakeholder session in April and the opening testimony in August include (1) having more time for discussions among the parties to work toward consensus following the stakeholder sessions; and (2) avoiding an overlap with the energy efficiency docket which will occupy many of the same parties over the last six months of 2023 with hearings likely in December. Trying to complete this docket by year end thus seemed impracticable to the parties.

Therefore, I propose the following procedural schedule on behalf of the parties listed below:

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Stakeholder session	February 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Stakeholder session	March 16
Stakeholder session	April 20
Utility testimony with proposed tariff changes	August 11
Discovery	August 24, responses September 8
Tech session	September 22
Discovery	September 28, responses October 12
Tech session	October 19
Intervenor testimony (responding to utility filing, making separate proposals)	November 3
Discovery	November 15, responses December 5
Tech session	December 21
Settlement conference	January 11, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony	January 24
Discovery	February 1 responses February 16
Tech session	February 29
Hearing	week of March 11, 2024

The following parties have agreed to this schedule: the Department of Energy, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Conservation Law Foundation, Clean Energy NH, Walmart, IBEW Local 490, Colonial Power Group, Granite State Hydropower, Consumer Energy Alliance, Community Power Coalition of NH, Eversource, Unitil, and Liberty. No one objected.

The above parties respectfully ask the Commission to approve the above schedule. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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