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Re: DE 16-576, Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer-Generators Scheduling a Public Comment Hearing on Reconsideration of the Non-Wires Alternative Pilot Program Requirement

To the Parties:

On February 16, 2018, Commission Staff filed a memorandum recommending reconsideration of the requirement to develop non-wires alternative (NWA) pilot programs, as directed pursuant to Order No. 26,029 (June 23, 2017). Staff recommended that Order No. 26,029 be modified to focus development efforts on study and analysis rather than the design and implementation of NWA pilot programs. In accordance with RSA 365:28, Staff recommended that the Commission schedule a public hearing so that parties would have an opportunity to comment on Staff's recommendations before any modification of the relevant directives in the Order.

The Commission has determined that a hearing should be scheduled to receive public comment on the proposed modifications described in Staff's memorandum. Accordingly, the Commission has scheduled a public comment hearing to address the proposed modifications on **March 13**, **2018 at 10:00 a.m.** In addition, parties may submit written comments regarding the recommended modifications until March 16, 2018.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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