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RE:

DE 17-172, Development of Renewable Energy Fund Programs for Low and Moderate Income Residential Customers Under SB 129 of 2017 Notice of Public Comment Hearing

To Interested Persons:

On February 15, 2018, Commission Staff filed a memorandum recommending issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to accept competitive proposals for community solar photovoltaic (PV) projects that would provide direct benefits to low and moderate income (LMI) residential electric customers, in order to meet the statutory requirements of Senate Bill 129 of 2017 (SB 129). Staff's recommendation memo can be found on the Commission's website at: http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-172/LETTERS-MEMOS-TARIFFS/17-172 2018-02-15 STAFF MEMO REC.PDF

The Commission has scheduled a public comment hearing to address the RFP proposal on **March 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** In addition, written comments regarding Staff's recommendation to conduct an RFP may be submitted until March 6, 2018.

Subsequent to the receipt of public comments, the Commission will determine if the RFP proposal is the appropriate approach to meet the requirements of SB 129 and, if so, to address the process and timeline for implementation of the RFP. Public notice of Commission decision will then be issued through Commission order and the RFP would be issued and posted to the Commission's website.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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