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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DE 22-060 Electric Distribution Utilities Consideration of Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure, Including Compensation of Customer-Generators; Letter Regarding Witnesses and Exhibits of Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On July 12, 2024, the Commission issued a procedural order in the above-captioned docket requesting that the parties submit a position statement on or before August 1, 2024, regarding what actions they will recommend the Commission take at the August 20, 2024, and August 22, 2024, hearing, and information about what exhibits and witnesses they intend to present at hearing.

Although not a party to the proceeding, two witnesses from Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors (“Dunsky”) will be available for questioning at hearing. Dunsky was contracted to perform a Value of Distributed Energy Resources (“VDER”) study, pursuant to Commission Order No. 26,316 (December 2019). The VDER study was submitted in the above-captioned docket on October 31, 2022. The VDER study, as well as an Addendum to the study filed on June 8, 2023; the Direct Testimony of Alex Hill and Anirudh Kshemendranath filed on December 6, 2023; the Rebuttal Testimony of Alex Hill and Anirudh Kshemendranath filed on January 30, 2024; and an Addendum to the VDER study filed on February 22, 2024, will be offered as exhibits at hearing.

As Dunsky is not a party to the proceeding, Dunsky will not make any recommendations for Commission action at hearing. The purpose of presenting Mr. Hill and Mr. Kshemendranath as witnesses is to make the VDER study authors available for questioning about the VDER study by the Commission and by parties to this proceeding.

The Department of Energy (“Department”) submits this letter in order to confirm to the Commission and to the parties to the proceeding that the VDER study authors will be available as witnesses at hearing and that the VDER study and addendums, as well as the direct and rebuttal testimony of Mr. Hill and Mr. Kshemendranath, will be presented as exhibits. These witnesses and exhibits are not the Department’s witnesses and exhibits and should not be considered to represent the Department’s position in this proceeding.

The Department is facilitating the presentation of Dunsky witnesses and exhibits solely as part of its role in administering the VDER study contract¹ and making the authors of the VDER study available for cross-examination by all parties to this proceeding, pursuant to Puc 203.24, as well as questioning by the Commission.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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¹ See Order No. 26,316 (December 2019), directing Commission Staff to issue a Request for Proposals to engage a consultant to conduct a VDER study based on a scope developed through a stakeholder working group process and established by the Commission. Once the Department was formed and duties of Commission Staff were transferred to the Department, the Department became responsible for administering the contract with Dunsky.

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