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Re: DE 16-576, Alternative Net Metering Tariffs for Customer-Generators
Proposed Tariff Amendments Regarding Interim Alternative Net Metering Tariff

On December 21, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 25, 972 (Order), which granted a motion filed by Commission Staff (Staff) to approve an initial alternative net metering tariff, effective for an interim period beginning on March 2, 2017, and intended to continue current provisions for net metering of eligible customer-generators consistent with RSA 362-A:9 and Puc 900.

In compliance with the Order, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil) filed proposed amendments to their respective tariff pages pursuant to Puc 1603 to implement the interim alternative net metering tariff. Following discussions with Staff regarding the need for the tariffs to reference relevant terms and conditions in the Order, Liberty, Eversource and Unitil each filed revised tariff amendments after the January 20, 2017 deadline specified in the Order. Unitil's proposed amendments also reflect changes, proposed and suspended under Docket DE 16-384, its general rate case, to change the applicability of the net metering tariff to facilities that are one megawatt or less, rather than 25 kilowatts or less. Unitil requested that this filing supersede the proposed tariff filing in Docket DE 16-384.

On February 27, 2017, Staff filed a memorandum summarizing its review of the proposed tariff amendments and recommending that the Commission permit the tariff amendments filed by Liberty, Eversource, and Unitil to implement the alternative net metering tariff for the interim period beginning on March 2, 2017 to go into effect as of the dates specified in their revised tariff pages. In addition, Staff recommended that, to the extent necessary, the January 20, 2017 deadline for filing of the proposed tariffs be waived because the tariff provisions do not take substantive effect until March 2, 2017 and no party or other person would be prejudiced by the waiver.

The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation and has approved the tariff amendments as filed, to go into effect on the dates specified in the revised tariff pages. In addition, the Commission has waived the January 20, 2017 filing deadline for the tariff amendments, having found that such waiver is in the public interest and will not prejudice any party or other person.

Sincerely,

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