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January 22, 2018

(Via Email to Secretary@dps.ny.gov)
Honorable Kathleen Burgess
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Matter 17-01276 – In the Matter of the Value of Distributed Energy Resources Working Group Regarding Value Stack; 17-01277 – In the Matter of the Value of Distributed Energy Resources Working Group Regarding Rate Design

Dear Secretary Burgess:

The agendas for the Friday, January 26, 2018 Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VDER) Working Groups are attached.¹ These agendas will also be posted to the VDER webpage at: <http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/8A5F3592472A270C8525808800517BDD?OpenDocument>. The meetings will be held at the New York City DPS office at 90 Church Street on the 4th Floor, and videocasted to the DPS Albany and Buffalo offices.

Those who wish to attend in person should RSVP by email to the respective Working Group mailbox at least two business days before the meeting date. For the Value Stack Working Group, use ValueStackWG_VDER@dps.ny.gov, and for the Rate Design Working Group, use RateDesignWG_VDER@dps.ny.gov. Meeting locations are as follows:

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Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3, 19th Floor Boardroom, Albany, NY
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¹ The VDER Value Stack And Rate Design Working Group Process and 2018 Schedule included a tentative date of January 24, 2018 for these meetings. Those meetings are cancelled and instead replaced with the January 26, 2018 meetings addressed in this letter.

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90 Church Street, 4th Floor Boardroom, New York, NY 10007

The meeting locations will be linked by videoconferencing to enable full participation by those attending in person at any of the three locations. Please note that participants at the NYC location should be prepared to show photo identification at the security desk inside the building.

Please note that only those individuals attending at the physical locations above will be able to participate in dialogue. Those who are attending by phone will be in listen-only mode. However, time permitting, an opportunity may be provided at the end of the meeting for phone participants to provide brief feedback. Information for those who wish to listen by phone are provided below with the agenda. For questions, please contact John Garvey at 212-417-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/
John Garvey
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Encl.

Matter 17-01277 –VDER Working Group Regarding Rate Design
Agenda for January 26, 2018 Meeting (9:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

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- 1) Welcome/Introductions
- 2) Customer Bill Impact Analysis Model Development
 - Discuss Staff's finalized scope of the customer bill impact analysis
- 3) Foundational Inputs to Mass Market NEM Successor Rate Design
 - Discuss initial scoping of rate design elements and solicit input on need for specific data, studies, consultants
- 4) Existing Standby Rates and Buy-Back Rates
 - Staff presents outline of draft whitepaper on proposed standby rate and buyback rate modifications based on 2017 utility filings and stakeholder comments
- 5) Next Steps/Next Meeting
- 6) Adjourn

Matter 17-01276 –VDER Working Group Regarding Value Stack
Agenda for January 26, 2018 Meeting (1:00 PM – 3:30 PM)

Dial in: 1-844-633-8697
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- 1) Welcome/Introductions
- 2) Discuss what process is needed to determine whether:
 - (1) to continue and improve the existing DRV and LSRV mechanism with more granular marginal cost of service studies;
 - (2) modify the VDER Tariff to only include a DRV payment, with payment for greater value areas through specific Utility programs and/or Non-Wire Alternative procurement; or
 - (3) implement some other mechanism(s) to capture these values?
- 3) Determine what process should be used to resolve these issues:
 - (1) further meetings focused on particular topics;
 - (2) several rounds of papers and discussion culminating in a Staff Whitepaper; or
 - (3) a formal evidentiary process.
- 4) Next Steps/Next Meeting
- 5) Adjourn