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RE: Proposed H.B. No. 6023, AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

This proposed bill would require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) to develop a methodology to determine the value that distribution generation (“DG”) provides to ratepayers, the electric grid, and society. The proposed bill would also create a mechanism allowing customers who install and utilize DG to recover the value that their resources provide.

Eversource supports DG and the development of an analysis reviewing the impact such resources have on ratepayers and the electric grid. We believe that such a study should examine not only the benefits, but all impacts such as potential cost shifting to non-DG participants, including low income customers. Therefore any legislation drafted should not presume that there will be a net benefit to customers.

Eversource also believes that such analysis should be conducted as part of a transparent adjudicatory process that allows comment and sworn testimony from the various interested stakeholders.

Eversource looks forward to working with DEEP, the Authority, and other stakeholders in the evaluation process which will impact rates for all our customers.