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Mrs. Judith C. Whitney
Clerk of the Commission
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
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***RE: Request for Extension of Net Metering Biennial Review Milestones
Case No. 20-0789-INV; Case No. 20-0097-INV***

Dear Commissioners:

Renewable Energy Vermont respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission, pursuant to Commission Rule 2.107, to stay for at least 120 days the dates set forth in Commission Rule 5.128(G) and (H) governing the biennial review of the net metering program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant systemic disruptions throughout the public and private sectors. Green Mountain Power has temporarily terminated net metering related field work which, at the time of this writing, includes interconnecting new renewable energy generation projects. Real estate and local government operations are shuttered, limited, or significantly delayed. Businesses in every sector furloughing employees are sadly the majority rather than the minority. Guidance from the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development, in direction from the Governor's Executive Orders, discourages new generation installation work, essentially halting the residential and small businesses solar sector.

In addition, as has already been pointed out by several commenters in Case No. 20-0097-INV, the timing of the biennial review process has already been impacted by the format and manner in which some utilities presented their data. The stay will allow the Commission and all parties an opportunity to thoughtfully address the currently uncertain consequences of these events. We also note that this request is consistent with the Commission's prudent extension of time for project commissioning set out in its March 27, 2020 ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF COMMISSIONING DEADLINES in Case No. 20-0789-INV, as well as the Department of Public Service's recommendation for further time and comments in this proceeding.

On behalf of REV's members, their employees, their contractors and their customers, we appreciate the Commission's consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Olivia Campbell Andersen".

Olivia Campbell Andersen
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