February 28, 2018

The Honorable Kathleen Burgess
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Agency Building 3
Albany, New York 12223-1350

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Case 15-E-0571 – In the Matter of the Value of Distributed Energy Resources

Matter 17-01276 – In the Matter of the Value of Distributed Energy Resources Working Group Regarding the Value Stack

Matter 17-01277 – In the Matter of the Value of Distributed Energy Resources Working Group Regarding Rate Design

RE: Notice of VDER Phase 2 “E” and Environmental Justice Value Subworking Group

Dear Secretary Burgess, All Parties, and VDER Working Group Participants:

During the December 12, 2017, and the February 9, 2018, VDER Value Stack and Rate Design working group meetings, participants in the working groups discussed the need for an “E” and environmental justice value subworking group to do preparatory and background work prior to the start of the Environmental Track, scheduled to begin on July 9, 2018. Department of Public Service Staff invited the VDER Working Group participants to form a subworking group to engage in this work, and stated that although Staff would not organize or lead the group, Staff members would be interested in listening in on the group’s meetings.

In response to that discussion and suggestion by Staff, an “E” and Environmental Justice value (“E/EJ Value”) Subworking group has been formed, led by Burcin Unel, who is an active participant in the Value Stack and Rate Design working groups. During the February 9, 2018, VDER Value Stack Working Group meeting, participants in the meeting were invited to send an email to Burcin if they were interested in becoming part of the E/EJ Value Subworking Group.
The E/EJ Value Subworking Group had its initial meeting on February 15, 2018, and has meetings scheduled every two weeks, with the next meeting scheduled for March 1, 2018. The initial planned scope of work for the E/EJ Value Subworking Group consists of the following:

- Four data tracks:
  - Identifying resources that would be displaced by DERs
  - Emission rates from resources
  - Environmental and health damages resulting from emissions
  - Bill impacts
- Suite of alternative policy options

Anyone interested in becoming part of the E/EJ Value Subworking Group should email Burcin Unel at burcin.unel@nyu.edu or Sheryl Musgrove at smusgrove@law.pace.edu.

Sincerely,

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