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Question:

Eversource Comments, Oct. 2, 2026, p. 3. Explain why Eversource proposes that the EDCs retain discretion to adjust the targeted period for individual projects to reflect location-specific system value, but does not propose differentiated per-kW payment values for individual projects. Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of offering differentiated payments based on locational values, and what data would be required to determine appropriate payment levels.

Response:

Eversource anticipates that system owners could reasonably respond to adjustments of target periods for individual projects, and that such adjustments would expand opportunities to maximize the benefits of paired battery energy storage systems.

Development of location specific per-kW payment values would require additional program administration steps. Development of appropriately differentiated per-kW payment values would likely require significant evaluation of system requirements, potential design solutions and their anticipated costs. Per-kW payment values resulting from such analysis would require review and approval from PURA and would likely need to be made available to prospective program participants within advance timelines that enable them to make long-term development decisions based on anticipated revenue opportunities. Eversource has not proposed differentiated per-kW payment values because it has not fully evaluated these implications to program administration or particpation.

The Company also recognizes that many of the activities described above would be required within non-wires solutions programs that are separately under development by the EDCs and PURA. Eversource does not propose that incentives provided through successor clean energy programs should duplicate or be a substitute for NWS activities.

Notwithstanding the considerations above, Eversource would investigate potential alternatives with stakeholders and prospective participants if so directed by PURA.