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Question:

Eversource Interrog. Resp. CAE-3. Clarify whether per-kW payments under Eversource's proposed MPF would be administered outside of the billing system, and whether any similar payment administration exists under the current renewable energy tariff programs. Additionally, discuss the proposed frequency that per-kW payments would be made to MPF participants.

Response:

Eversource anticipates that the per-kW performance payments under its proposed multipart payment framework (MPF) would be administered outside of the billing system. These payments would be calculated based on the project's sustained output during the designated targeted period.

The current NRES and SCEF Programs primarily administer participant compensation outside of the billing system, with payments generally made quarterly. Eversource anticipates that MPF payments could follow a similar administrative approach, with payments initially calculated and administered manually using project performance data. If program participation and payment volumes increase sufficiently to warrant additional efficiencies, Eversource could subsequently explore automation solutions.