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Question:

Eversource Interrog Resps. CAE-1, CAE-2. Explain why the estimated cost to implement instantaneous netting for a non-residential solar successor program is 50% higher than for a residential successor solar program, and whether implementation could be combined for both successor programs to reduce the cost and timeline.

Response:

The cost estimates for implementing instantaneous netting in the residential and non-residential successor programs were developed based on a similar exercise conducted for implementing netting tariffs for the existing RRES and NRES programs. The estimated cost for the non-residential program is approximately 50% higher than the residential program primarily because non-residential rates are more numerous and include more complex billing components. These differences increase the scope of the required system modifications and the associated testing, which must account for the greater number of rates and billing functions applicable to non-residential customers.

The estimates were developed based on the assumption that implementation of instantaneous netting for the residential and non-residential successor programs would occur in tandem. Accordingly, the estimates already contemplate a coordinated implementation rather than two entirely separate implementation efforts.

Eversource plans to provide more detailed cost estimates in its response to PURA's Procedural Order, due December 30, 2026.