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Question:

Eversource Comments, Oct. 2, 2026, pp. 8–9; Interrog. Resp. CAE-4. Provide a reference for the value of energy approach used for behind-the-meter compensation in the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program and explain the basis for how the approach was determined.

Response:

Please refer to the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target ("SMART") Tariff of NSTAR Electric Company (M.D.P.U No. 74) provided as Attachment 1 to this response as well as the SMART Program 400 MW Review of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources provided as Attachment 2.

Section 7.2(3) of the SMART Tariff directs that the Value of Energy utilized for purposes of calculating customer incentives for eligible facilities that don't take service under the Company's Net Metering Tariff be based upon a weighted average equal to 65% of the sum total of all applicable retail kWh charges and 35% of the average applicable supply charge (Basic Service).

This change to incentive calculations was incorporated into the design of the SMART Program following recognition that facilities which are credited a lower rate for exported generation would require greater incentive payments to achieve a total value similar to behind-the-meter facilities that receive higher credit for exported energy through net metering tariffs, or front-of-the-meter facilities that realize fixed total compensation for all energy through operation of the SMART Program design. See Attachment 2, p. 17.