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RE: Interconnection Rules Docket No. E-00000A-99-0431; ~~Emerging Technologies in Energy~~
~~Docket No. E-00000J-13-0375~~

Dear Commissioners, Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

As you know, our Commission Staff recently filed its staff report in the emerging technologies docket. One of Staff's recommendations was the Commission consider adopting interconnection rules. As you may recall, in 2007, the Commission began a rulemaking process to create statewide interconnection rules. The rules, however, were never finalized. Instead, it is my understanding that the regulated utilities follow policies delineated in the Interconnection Document, included in Decision No. 69674.

Several presenters at the technology workshops expressed concerns about grid interconnection. I believe it is time for the Commission to consider developing statewide rules. I wanted to inform you that I have asked Staff to review the 2007 proposed interconnection rules and consider potential changes and updates to safety standards, technical protocols and technological advancements that have occurred since then. As the staff report discussed, this update should include policies for microgrids, battery storage systems and other emerging technologies.

I write this letter for informational purposes, with the hope this is a topic you will also be interested in pursuing. I welcome your docketed comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Burns
Commissioner

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