

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

May 31, 2016

NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXPERT SERVICES RELATED TO Net Metering Tariff

	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>“First, the RFP (at page 6) says that written inquiries about the RFP, along with your responses, "will be posted on the OCA’s web site as they are received." We are unable to find this posting. Could you please tell where on the website that we might find it?”</p>	<p>The Q & A lead can be accessed through the OCA home page under the link RFP-Net Metering Tariff. As this is the first inquiry we have received, there were no postings previously.</p>
2.	<p>“The RFP (at page 5) states that ‘the OCA has a very limited annual budget for expert assistance.’ We are concerned that the limited budget may not be sufficient to handle what appear to be the RFP's open-ended requirements (on page 4) for analytic support, assistance, reports, testimony, and participation in hearings. If the inquiries and responses do not yet cover it, we would be very interested to know what your budget limits are.”</p>	<p>Although, as stated in the RFP, the OCA has a very limited annual budget for expert assistance, the OCA also has the authority under RSA 363:38, III to seek approval from the Governor and Council and the Legislature’s Joint Fiscal Committee to contract with outside consultants and recover the costs, via a special assessment, from utilities participating in the applicable proceeding. If circumstances warrant, the OCA will consider pursuing a special assessment to fund the cost of any contract(s) arising out of this RFP.”</p>