



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

January 16, 2018

The Honorable Richard Barry  
Chair, Science, Technology, and Energy Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 304  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 1647, *An Act relative to inclusion of energy storage in distributed energy resources for electricity transmission and distribution***

Dear Chair Barry and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1647. This bill modifies provisions for the inclusion of energy systems in distributed energy resources and the recovery of investment costs for energy storage. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) supports this bill.

The current "*NEW HAMPSHIRE 10-YEAR STATE ENERGY STRATEGY*"<sup>1</sup> includes grid modernization strategy recommendation 1, which includes the following statement:

*"The State should also ensure that our policies and regulatory mechanisms allow room for new and innovative technologies to be adopted as they come to market. In particular, electric storage technologies are an area that is expected to grow rapidly in the next decade, and they have the potential to provide substantial benefits to the system."*

This bill is consistent with the "*NEW HAMPSHIRE 10-YEAR STATE ENERGY STRATEGY*", and for that reason NHDES supports this bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on HB 1647. Should you have further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact either Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director ([michael.fitzgerald@des.nh.gov](mailto:michael.fitzgerald@des.nh.gov), 271-6390) or Joseph Fontaine, Technical Programs Manager ([joseph.fontaine@des.nh.gov](mailto:joseph.fontaine@des.nh.gov), 271-6794) of the Air Resources Division.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Scott  
Commissioner

cc: Sponsors of HB 1647: Reps. Oxenham, Shepardson, Higgins, S. Harvey; Sen. Fuller Clark

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.nh.gov/osi/energy/programs/documents/energy-strategy.pdf>