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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DE 23-009
Squam River Hydro, LLC
Petition for Reconnection of a Qualified Facility, Payment of Avoided Costs, and Payment of
Lost Revenues

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On September 22, 2023, the Commission issued a procedural order in this matter, requesting the Department of Energy (DOE) to file a position by October 12, 2023, in the above-captioned docket, on the issue the Commission's jurisdiction to address the petition filed by Squam River Hydro, LLC (SRH). The procedural order also scheduled oral argument in the matter. The complete docket of the above-captioned matter can be found at [New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission \(nh.gov\)](http://New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (nh.gov)). Both SRH and the Town of Ashland filed initial briefs on the issue of the Commission's jurisdiction on June 16, 2023, and reply briefs on June 30, 2023.

The DOE did not file a brief because it is the DOE's view that this docket represents a contested issue between two parties, and not a matter of policy requiring the DOE's analysis. We note that the parties, SRH and the Town of Ashland, assert opposing positions on the issue of jurisdiction and provide sufficient background and legal argument in filed briefs to allow the Commission to deliberate the issue.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Respectfully,

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