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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket No. DE 19-142 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Rate Recovery of Costs in Excess of the Cumulative Reduction Cap Under the Power Purchase Agreement with Berlin Station LLC

To the Commission:

The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") respectfully requests leave to withdraw its pleading filed yesterday in the above referenced docket, captioned "Objection of the Office of the Consumer Advocate to Motion for Clarification and/or Modification of Order No. 26,665."

As the Commission may be aware, the OCA recently accepted the resignation of its Director of Finance and Economics. The position is vacant as of tomorrow. We therefore lack the expertise at present to conduct a meaningful review of the financial information referenced in chapter 275 of the 2022 New Hampshire Laws (commonly referred to as Senate Bill 271).

Accordingly, the OCA waives the opportunity to conduct the review allowed to us pursuant to Senate Bill 271. In the circumstances, it would not be helpful for us to take a position on how either the Department of Energy or the Commission exercise their rights and responsibilities under Senate Bill 271.

I hope, therefore, that you will grant our request to withdraw our September 6 pleading and will disregard it thereafter. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

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