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Via electronic mail only

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**Re: Docket No. DE 19-197 Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform
Proposed Settlement Agreement – NH Utilities, Commission Staff, OCA, CENH, Town of Hanover, City of Lebanon, Mission:data Coalition, Community Choice Partners, Eversource Customer Rep. Kat McGhee**

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in the above-referenced docket is the *Settlement Agreement on the Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform* (the “Agreement”), which has been signed by Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”); Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty; and Northern Utilities, Inc. (collectively, “the NH Utilities”); the Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”); Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”); Clean Energy New Hampshire (“CENH”); Mission:data Coalition; Community Choice Partners; the Town of Hanover; the City of Lebanon; and Eversource customer Rep. Kat McGhee (all collectively referred to as the “Settling Parties”). The Agreement will resolve most issues with respect to the development of a statewide, multi-use online energy platform in this docket. Its adoption by the Commission would result in a defined scope that settles issues of platform design, operation, content and use, governance, security, privacy, and registration and participation standards. The Settling Parties respectfully request the Commission review the Agreement at the hearing currently scheduled for May 5, 2021.

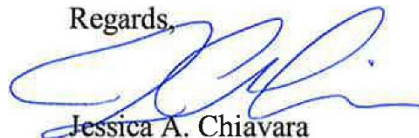
This Agreement leaves issues of ownership and cost unresolved, but proposes an approach for addressing and settling platform cost and ownership issues. The Settling Parties request the Commission leave Docket No. 19-197 open to conduct a second phase for this docket that will address all issues related to platform cost as outlined in the Agreement. Due to the complex and novel nature of this project, and to sufficiently address the concerns of various stakeholders, the issues addressed in this Agreement had to first be resolved in order to develop an approach to ascertaining costs and ownership of the platform. The agreed upon approach to ascertaining cost

of the platform in the proposed Agreement is a substantially time and labor-intensive endeavor most appropriately reserved for a second phase to the instant docket.

This Agreement was reached after a thorough administrative process including four rounds of discovery, numerous technical sessions, and over three months of intensive settlement discussions; all parties to the agreement confidently support the terms contained within it.

Due to confidential information in Appendix C of the Agreement, a confidential copy of the Agreement and its appendices, along with a motion for confidential treatment and protective order will be provided to the Commission and OCA only. A redacted version of the Agreement and appendices will be provided to the remainder of the service list. Pursuant to the Secretarial Letter issued March 17, 2020 and current Commission policy, this filing will be made electronically only. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,



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o/b/o the Settling Parties

Attachment
cc: OCA
Service List