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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 20-161 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, 2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan, *DOE's Request for Consultant(s) to Testify Remotely*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

As explained in more detail below, the Department of Energy (DOE) is hereby renewing its request for permission from the Commission to allow certain witnesses to testify remotely. *See* Procedural Order Re: Motion to Adjust Procedural Schedule at 2 (October 7, 2022) (dismissing DOE's pending motion for remote testimony as moot).

By way of background, the Commission originally scheduled hearings in this case for October 18 and October 19, 2022, to be "conducted in person." Procedural Order (March 25, 2022). On October 6, 2022, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (hereinafter "Eversource" or "the Company") filed a partially assented to motion to adjust the procedural schedule. On October 28, 2022, Eversource filed a proposed procedural schedule acceptable to all parties. On November 1, 2022, the Commission granted the Company's motion in part and scheduled new hearing dates for January 25 and January 26, 2023. *See* Procedural Order Re: Proposed Revised Procedural Schedule (November 1, 2022).

DOE (again) plans to have DOE Staff Jay E. Dudley, Utilities Analyst IV, and Ronald D. Willoughby and Joseph DeVirgilio of River Consulting Group, Inc., (RCG) available to testify at the hearing in this docket scheduled for January 25 and/or January 26. *See* Testimony (filed August 26, 2022). Ronald D. Willoughby is based in Apex, North Carolina. Joseph J. DeVirgilio, Jr. is based in North Venice, Florida. These consultants from RCG would otherwise need to travel overnight to testify in person and would need to remain in New Hampshire for a number of days. Were the Commission to permit them to testify remotely, this would reduce witness travel time and related expenses. Accordingly, DOE asks the Commission to approve remote testimony for Mr. Willoughby and Mr. DeVirgilio. This request is consistent with the 15-day notice period required by applicable Hearing Guidelines (filed March 25, 2022).

Eversource and Clean Energy New Hampshire assent to the relief requested. OCA will only assent if all remote state witnesses are granted permission to testify remotely. Consistent with the Commission's current policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
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