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

Re: DE 21-004; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; 2021 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan, Request for Extension of Schedule

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (Department), with the concurrence of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), hereby requests an extension to the approved procedural schedule in this matter, pursuant to Puc 202.04.

By procedural order dated March 4, 2022 in this proceeding, the Commission approved the schedule set forth below under the column "Current Date" including setting August 16, 2022 as the date by which written testimony of the Department and OCA is to be submitted.<sup>1</sup> Due to significant workload in many other Commission dockets this summer involving overlapping Department staff (regulatory and legal), long standing (prepaid/non-refundable) summer vacation plans, and the recently adjusted procedural schedule in the Eversource Energy LCIRP docket (DE 20-161)<sup>2</sup>, the Department seeks an additional month to prepare its testimony in this case. This will also provide the Department additional time to review the considerable number of record responses expected from Liberty in this case on August 5, 2022 and to structure its testimony accordingly. Absent an extension, the Department's testimony will need to be significantly abbreviated or possibly foregone.

If the testimony date is changed, other dates would need to be extended as well and thus the Department proposes the following schedule adjustments:

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<sup>1</sup> There are no other parties in this proceeding.

<sup>2</sup> The Department appreciates the extension granted in that proceeding on July 25, 2022.

Item	Current Date	Proposed Date
DOE/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	August 16, 2022	September 16, 2022
Data Requests to DOE/OCA/Intervenors	August 23, 2022	September 26, 2022
DOE/OCA/Intervenor Responses to Data Requests	September 7, 2022	October 11, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	September 19, 2022	October 20, 2022 (9 am - 4 pm)
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	September 20, 2022	October 24, 2022 (9 am - 1 pm)
Hearing Dates	October 12 and 13, 2022	Two full days in early in November

All parties have concurred with these requested changes, the changes are expected to impact the resolution of this case by only one month, and thus the Department believes no harm to the parties will result.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020) this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Paul B. Dexter*

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