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16. The Company respectfully requests that the Order be effective by October 31, 2021, if possible, such that the Order can be effective not later than the end of November 2021. This will allow the Company to close upon the term loan as a requirement in establishing the final permanent rates under the Company's permanent rate case in pendency in Docket No. DW 20-156. Timely closing on the CoBank term loan, will allow the Company to include the actual impact of this loan in its final approved rate in that case. Schedules provided in discovery under DW 20-156 pertaining to this financing and the impact it has in the permanent rate proceeding as attached as Exhibits LDG-7 through LDG-9.

17. The Company avers that it is entitled to the financings described above, for the purposes set forth herein, and that the issuance of such notes will be consistent with the public good as contemplated by the New Hampshire Supreme Court's ruling in *Appeal of Easton*, 125 N.H. 205, 211 (1984). Pursuing this funding alternative, as opposed to a deferred asset approach, would result in savings for ratepayers in the new permanent rates being requested, of approximately 3.37%, primarily due to the impact of a 25-year amortization versus a 10-year amortization.

WHEREFORE, by this petition, the attached testimony and exhibits, and pursuant to RSA 369, including RSA 369:1-4, PEU requests that the Commission:

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