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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: Docket No. DE 22-030
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Third Step Adjustment
Status of Settlement Discussion**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On September 28, 2022, the Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company") filed its responses to the Record Requests issued by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in its September 21, 2022 Procedural Order, together with a jointly proposed procedural schedule for the remainder of this proceeding. Pursuant to the proposed procedural schedule, the Company and Department of Energy ("DOE") agreed that the Company would file a letter today advising whether the parties had been able to reach a settlement agreement.

The Company files this letter to advise the Commission that the parties continue to engage in settlement discussions but have not reached a final agreement. The parties, therefore, request that the Commission allow for a final update regarding settlement on Friday, October 7, 2022. On that date, the parties will also file a settlement agreement or any additional hearing exhibits. The parties further request that the Commission schedule a second day of hearings to allow either cross-examination of DOE's witness, Mr. Jay Dudley, or to allow the parties to present their settlement agreement. Consistent with the Company's September 28th letter, the parties request a hearing on a date between October 11 and 14, 2022.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely,



Jessica Buno Ralston

cc: Service List, Docket DE 22-030