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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
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Re: DE 22-030; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy;  
Petition for Third Step Adjustment; Department of Energy Status Report on Business  
Process Audit

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In a Procedural Order issued in this docket on October 12, 2022, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requests the Department of Energy (Department) to provide a brief status report on the Business Process Audit (BPA) referred to in Eversource Energy's Motion to Compel Production of Data Responses (Motion) dated October 10, 2022.

The Department maintains its objection that the BPA is not at issue in this proceeding and inquiry into its status or results is irrelevant to the issue being decided in this docket, *i.e.*, whether investments placed in service by Eversource by year-end 2021 (when the BPA was just getting started) are prudent, used and useful, non-growth related, and recoverable through the proposed step adjustment. Notwithstanding, and without waiving that objection or the opportunity to respond to Eversource Energy's Motion in the timeframe established in Puc Rule 203.07, the Department provides this brief status report:

It is the understanding of the Department that River Consulting Group, Inc. (RCG) (the consultants performing the audit work) have completed document review and field work. RCG has produced a draft audit report, which has been provided to the Department (who is conducting and overseeing the audit per the approved settlement in DE 19-057 at Appendix 2<sup>1</sup>) for review and comment. The Department's review is ongoing, and the Department anticipates completing its review by November 4, 2022. Thereafter, RCG will issue a final report. The Department and Eversource will have an opportunity to review and comment on the final report prior to the final report being filed with the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> "[T]he Company agrees to a business process audit of the Company to be conducted and overseen by Staff."

Consistent with current Commission's practice, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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