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

**Re: Docket No. DE 22-031
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses-Response to Department of Energy Motion**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) submits this letter to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) in response to the Motion to Enlarge Time filed on July 18, 2022 by the Department of Energy (“DOE”) in the above-referenced proceeding (the “Motion”). On June 10, 2022, the Commission issued a Procedural Order setting July 18, 2022 as the deadline for DOE to file an audit report and recommendation, or to request additional time for investigation of this matter. The Commission’s Procedural Order also directed the Company, DOE, and any other intervening parties to confer regarding the need for additional process and for the Company to report the result of such discussions to the Commission on or before August 1, 2022.¹

The Motion requests an extension of time through August 26, 2022 to file a final recommendation and indicate whether DOE believes further process, including a hearing is warranted (Motion at 2). In support of the Motion, DOE states that Eversource did not respond to its request to support the Motion (id.). DOE further states that Eversource was aware of the need for additional time based on statements made by DOE in Docket DE 21-089 (id.). The Company assents to DOE’s request, however Eversource seeks clarification regarding the August 1 response deadline set forth in the Commission’s Procedural Order.² The Motion indicates that DOE will include its recommendation regarding further process with its final report but does not request an extension of the August 1, 2022 deadline to allow the Company to provide a statement regarding the necessity for additional process. Eversource therefore requests that any Commission order in

¹ The Motion to Enlarge Time incorrectly notes that any request for additional process was to be submitted on July 18, 2022 (Motion at 1).

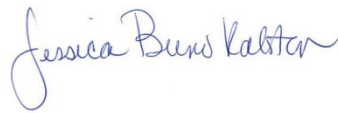
² Counsel for DOE sent an email to Jessica Chiavara, an Eversource attorney but not the attorney of record in this docket, at 3:02 p.m. on July 18, 2022. The Motion was filed just 35 minutes later at 3:37 p.m. This did not provide a meaningful opportunity for the Company to consider the DOE’s request prior to submission of the Motion or to suggest that a corresponding extension of the August 1, 2022 deadline should be included in the Motion’s request for relief.

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response to the Motion include an extension of the August 1, 2022 deadline that provides the Company with an opportunity to respond to DOE's final report and recommendation and to request additional process, if needed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Buno Ralston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jessica Buno Ralston

cc: Service List, DE 22-031