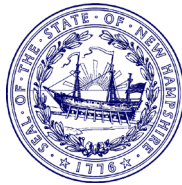


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RE: DE 22-031 Eversource Energy Petition for Recovery of [2021] Storm Expenses
DOE Assented-to Request for Enlargement of Time

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In a procedural order dated July 20, 2022, the Commission granted the Department of Energy (DOE)'s request to file a recommendation by August 26, 2022. The same procedural order also directed Eversource (in consultation with other parties) to report to the Commission by September 16, 2022, whether additional process and/or a hearing is warranted, and to provide a proposed schedule by the parties, if necessary, at that time.

Due to the late discovery of potential issues with the Company's filing, DOE finds it necessary to conduct further investigation and review. DOE also wishes to continue on-going discussions with the Company. Therefore, respectfully, DOE is unable to file its *Report and Recommendation* by August 26, 2022. DOE is also experiencing staff resource issues which contribute to this extension request. For these reasons, DOE proposes to file its recommendation (and audit) by November 23, 2022. DOE also requests that Eversource's filing deadline be extended until December 2, 2022.

The relief requested is consistent with Puc 202.04 requirements. Eversource, through counsel, assents to the relief requested herein. Consequently, Eversource's rights will not be adversely affected by this extension request. In addition, this request will not unduly delay the proceeding, as additional time is essential to allow DOE to file an accurate analysis. DOE will thus be caused undue hardship if the extension is not granted. Therefore, the delay is reasonable and appropriate.

Consistent with Commission policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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