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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
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RE: Docket No. IR 22-076, Investigation of Whether Current Tariffs and Programs are Sufficient to Support Demand Response and Electric Vehicle Charging Programs
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Comments on Process for Reconvening EDI Working Group

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Commission's request in Order No. 26,903 (November 15, 2023), Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") submits these comments regarding the process for reconvening the Electronic Data Interchange ("EDI") Working Group. In the referenced Order, the Commission stated as follows:

Based on the comments received in this docket we find that the EDI Working Group should be reconvened with a goal of determining whether the current EDI system is meeting the evolving electric system needs and if not, what changes may be required, and at what cost. The EDI working group should also consider whether the statewide Data Platform currently under development, *see* Docket DE 19-197, will interface with, or replace the utilities' EDI systems. The working group should include various classes of users of the system including various competitive providers and other customer representatives as well as the regulated distribution utilities. We ask that the parties file comments with the Commission concerning whether the EDI working group should be convened by DOE or established through a new Commission investigative docket.

Eversource notes that the Department of Energy ("DOE") issued a notice on December 5, 2023 that it will be convening an EDI Working Group in early 2024 "to identify and develop the EDI standards necessary for the exchange of information relevant to the industry today [as that] would be an efficient method of bringing all necessary stakeholders together to develop workable solutions moving forward." *See* DOE Notice attached hereto.

Eversource supports the DOE's stated intention to reconvene the EDI Working Group to discuss current issues relevant to the utility EDI systems and to consider potential modifications to those systems and related processes. Eversource intends to participate actively in the EDI

Working Group process once it has been initiated by the DOE. Accordingly, Eversource recommends that the Commission take no further action at this time regarding EDI issues, including any possible rulemaking, pending the outcome of the DOE-facilitated EDI Working Group process.

Eversource appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments with respect to this matter, and would be pleased to respond to any further questions the Commission may have. Consistent with current Commission policy, this filing is being made electronically only and paper copies will not follow.

Sincerely,

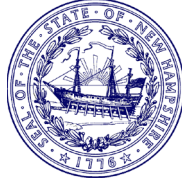
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ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) WORKING GROUP

The Department of Energy (Department) has received feedback from various utilities, competitive suppliers, and representatives of the community power aggregators regarding deficiencies in the current EDI standards. These industry stakeholders also expressed interest in reconvening the EDI Working Group to facilitate an update of these standards.

The current EDI standards were approved by the Public Utilities Commission on May 4, 1998, and the Department agrees that convening a work group to identify and develop the EDI standards necessary for the exchange of information relevant to the industry today would be an efficient method of bringing all necessary stakeholders together to develop workable solutions moving forward.

Therefore, the Department will be convening an EDI Working Group in early 2024 by scheduling a stakeholder session to discuss working group governance, agenda items, and other relevant issues. The Department will be reaching out to individual stakeholders to schedule the first stakeholder session, and all relevant information will be posted on the Department website.
