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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DE 23-073 Low Income Electric Assistance Program, 2023-2024 Electric Assistance Program Budgets, DOE Clarification 2022-2023 DOE Audit Report for EAP PY 2022-2023

Dear Chairman Goldner,

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) is filing this clarification with regard to the Commission’s concern that the Department has not provided it with DOE Audit *Final Report* for the Electric Assistance Program (EAP)’s 2022-2023 program year (PY). See Order No. 26,891 (Sept 28, 2023) at 6.

On July 17, 2023, as requested, the Department provided the Commission with the DOE Audit’s *Final Report* (dated June 1, 2023) (emphasis in original) (hereinafter “*Audit Report*”) for the EAP 2021-2022 PY in Docket No. DE 22-043.

The DOE *Audit Report* for EAP 2022-2023 PY is not available as the program year has not concluded. (The program year concludes on September 30). The Department is mindful of the Commission’s request that that *Audit Report* for EAP 2022-2023 PY be provided. See Order No. 26,693 (Sept. 29, 2022) at 4. The Department’s audit team will undertake an audit of the EAP 2022-2023 PY following completion of the program year. Barring any unforeseen work in other dockets, the Department anticipates that the 2022-2023 *Audit Report* will be available in May 2024.

Consistent with the Commission’s current policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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