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Re: Dkt. No. DG 20-013 Residential Low Income Assistance Program for Natural Gas Customers (RLIAP)
Consideration of Program Design Change
Docket Status—tech session and data responses

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to update the Commission on the status of this docket. The parties held a prehearing conference and preliminary technical session on March 13, 2020. That same day, Governor Sununu issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19. Thereafter, parties in this docket have been communicating remotely. While planning for remote technical sessions and the absence of telephone communication in some cases has posed challenges, this docket continues to move forward.

Data Requests and Responses:

Staff issued data requests to Northern, Liberty and the Community Action Agencies on April 24, 2020. Pursuant to Puc 203.09 (f) parties were required to answer no later than May 4, 2020, however by agreement of the parties, responses to this first set of data requests shall be due no later than May 15, 2020, if the Commission accepts this proposed schedule. *See* Puc 203.09(f).

Next Technical Session:

The next technical session in this case shall be held remotely, through Webex, on May 19, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Additional information on remote participation shall be provided to parties under separate cover. At the May 19, 2020 technical session, the parties expect to agree on a more detailed schedule for this docket and engage in substantive discussions. Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020 secretarial letter filed in this docket, Staff is making an electronic filing without a hard copy equivalent.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Schwarzer
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner