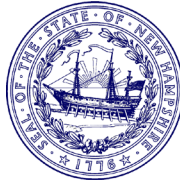


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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DE 22-043 Low Income Electric Assistance Program, 2022-2023 Electric Assistance Program Budgets, *DOE - Additional Time Needed for Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On August 21, 2024, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) granted a motion for rehearing, motion for stay, motion to re-open the record, and to schedule a new hearing date and new procedural schedule, as requested jointly by the parties, the New Hampshire Community Action Agencies, LISTEN Community Services (represented by NH Legal Assistance), the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource, and Until Energy Systems, Inc. (hereinafter "the Moving Parties"). Order No. 27,048 (August 21, 2024). The Commission also requested the DOE to file a proposed procedural schedule with the Commission on or before September 4, 2024. *Id.* at 3.

Beginning August 22, 2024, DOE made a good faith effort to assemble the Moving Parties but has been unable to do so because of vacation schedules and the Labor Day holiday. The DOE anticipates that it will be able to meet with the other Moving Parties and file a proposed procedural schedule on or before September 16, 2024.

In the opinion of the DOE, and consistent with NH Admin Rules Puc 202.04(c)(2), the additional eight business days will not delay the proceeding or disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission because the new hearing is scheduled for November 21, 2024. In addition, in light of vacation and holiday schedules, the DOE cannot coordinate a proposed procedural schedule by the September 4 deadline but can do so soon thereafter. Consistent with Puc 202.04 (c)(1), because it would cause undue hardship and inconvenience to require the DOE to do what it cannot, an extension of time for filing a procedural schedule is warranted.

Consistent with Puc 202.04(b), the DOE circulated this letter to the other Moving Parties on August 29, 2024. All other Moving Parties assent to the proposed September 16 date.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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