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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. IR 22-053 – Electric and Gas Utilities, Investigation of Energy Commodity Procurement, Renewable Portfolio Standard, Default Service Electric Power, Cost of Gas Methodology and Process, *Joint Request to Reschedule February 28th Technical Session*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (Department), in conjunction with the other docket participants named below, respectfully requests that the Commissioner-attended technical session currently scheduled for February 28, 2023 in the above referenced docket, be rescheduled. Department staff expected to attend the February 23, 2023 session, which was recently rescheduled due to an upcoming storm. *See Commission Procedural Order Re: Technical Session and Request to Participate (February 21, 2023).*

Key Department Staff will be unable to attend on February 28 due to longstanding travel plans for the full week of February 27, 2023. It is the Department's understanding that several other docket participants face similar schedule conflicts. The Department further believes that the important issues raised in this docket support rescheduling the technical session to another time in order to permit maximum participation. Although not directly analogous to a request to postpone a hearing, in the opinion of the Department rescheduling the February 28 Commissioner-attended technical session would promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding. *See Admin. Rules Puc 203.13 (c).*

The Department has reached out to all other docket participants. The Department is filing this request for itself and on behalf of the following: the Department of Environmental Services, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric), Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas), the Conservation Law Foundation, Clean Energy New Hampshire, the Granite State Hydropower Association, and the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.¹ The named docket participants have joined in this request by and through counsel or representative.

¹ The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire notes the entity has a previously scheduled Board meeting on February 28, 2023.

By and through counsel, Berlin Station, LLC concurs in the relief requested. By and through counsel, Unitil, Northern Utilities Inc, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., and Constellation Energy Generation, LLC assent to the relief requested, however do not have a conflict on February 28, 2023. By and through counsel, Colonial Power does not object to the relief requested.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to participate in this proceeding and looks forward to discussing all of the issues further. Thank you for considering this joint request to reschedule the February 28 Commission-attended technical session.

Consistent with current Commission policy, this request is being made electronically only; paper copies will not follow.

Sincerely,

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