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

Re: DE 24-035; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Petition for Approval of Change in Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment; *Department of Energy ("DOE") Letter in Response to Order No. 27,021 (June 20, 2024)* 

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On June 20, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") issued Order No. 27,021, in which it approved Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or "Company")'s request for changes to its Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment Rate ("RRA") to take effect August 1, 2024 via order nisi. Order at \*3. The PUC also ordered that Eversource shall file the results of an independent third-party audit sampling "of the 2023 vegetation management costs, 2023 lost base distribution revenues, and 2023 property tax expenses" by September 3, 2024, and that the "the DOE shall file any information relevant to audits of Eversource's storm costs through December 2018 in this docket on or before September 3, 2024." Order at 2-3. In the Department's June 10, 2024, filing ("Filing"), it explained that "the \$68.5 million (of storm costs approved for recovery in the RRA) was audited as part of dockets DE 18-058, DE 19-050 (See Tab 8, Attachment RTC-1 (Sept. 8, 2020), and DE 19-105 (See Tab 6, Attachment 1 (Jan. 21, 2021)." Filing, at 3. In 2019 PUC Staff chose not to file the audit in docket No. DE 18-058, but instead filed a summary. See Tab 8 in docket no. DE 18-058. In light of Order No. 27,021, the DOE is submitting the Final Audit Report regarding DE 18-058 for Major Storms 2013-2016 dated January 9, 2019.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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