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Daniel Goldner, Chairman Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Ste. 10 Concord, NH 03301

RE: DRM 24-085/NH Code of Administrative Rules Puc Ch. 100 Organizational Rules New Hampshire Department of Energy Comments on Initial Proposal

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Rulemaking Notice by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC and/or Commission), the Department of Energy (Department) provides these comments regarding the PUC's *draft* Final Proposal for adoption of Puc 100 Organizational Rules.

In its August 26, 2024 letter, the Department provided comments which have been adopted by the Commission. The Department notes one remaining potential revision to be made in the definition of "Customer" at Puc 101.05.

## 1) Part Puc 101 Definitions

**Puc 101.05 "Customer":** In its August 26, 2024 letter, the Department provided comments regarding revising Puc 101.05 and the Department's suggested revisions have been adopted by the Commission. The Commission has used the En 1202.06 definition of "customer" which maintains consistency across Commission and Department rules.

However, when comparing the proposed language in Puc 101.05 to En 1202.06, the Department notes that there appears to be some excess verbiage (perhaps unintentional) included in the proposed Puc 101.05 text. Also, the Department notes that the word "partnership" was excluded from the definition of "customer," at Puc 101.05 and suggests that it be reinserted. In sum, the Department suggests that the PUC adopt the definition of customer from En 1202.06 exactly.

Sincerely,

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