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May 2, 2023

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

Re: DE 23-001, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Proposed Purchase of
Receivables Program; Parties' Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Chairman Goldner:

A prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket on May 2, 2023. The Department of Energy (DOE) and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) stated at the prehearing conference that they had agreed upon a proposed procedural schedule and would submit it to the Commission by the end of the day on May 2, 2023. The parties' agreed-upon proposed procedural schedule is below.

The parties have included in the proposed schedule an October 17, 2023, date for a hearing on a potential settlement, after the Commission confirmed at the prehearing conference that date appears to be available on the Commission's calendar. However, the parties discussed after the prehearing conference whether a hearing would be necessary if the parties come to an agreement on NHEC's POR program as proposed, as NHEC is not a rate-regulated utility. In that instance, the parties may request that the Commission approve NHEC's proposal via order *nisi*, without the need for the proposed October 17, 2023, settlement hearing. The parties need to engage in further review and discovery before determining whether they will need the proposed hearing or will request an order *nisi* approving NHEC's POR program proposal as filed, but wanted to acknowledge this possible scenario to the Commission with the filing of the proposed procedural schedule.

The parties' agreed-upon proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Data Requests to NHEC	Tuesday, May 23, 2023
NHEC Data Responses	Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Technical Session (remote)	Tuesday, June 27, 2023 (1pm-4pm)
Technical Session Data Requests to NHEC	Thursday, June 29, 2023

NHEC Responses to Technical Session Data Requests	Friday, July 14, 2023
DOE Testimony	Friday, August 18, 2023
Technical Session/Settlement Conference(remote)	Thursday, August 24, 2023
NHEC Written Data Requests to DOE	Thursday, August 31, 2023
DOE Data Request Responses	Thursday, September 14, 2023
Last Day to File Settlement	Thursday, October 12, 2023
Hearing on Settlement	Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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

Sincerely,

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