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

Re: DG 23-086 Northern Petition for Approval of Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor; DOE's

Request for Clarification--DOE Position Statement Deadline To Be Included In Proposed

*Procedural Schedule(s).* 

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Department of Energy ("the Department" or "DOE") respectfully requests the Commission to clarify the Department's deadline for filing a position statement in light of the Commission's Procedural Order Re: Company, OCA, and DOE Motions and Canceling October 23 Hearing, filed October 13, 2023.

Given that the Commission has canceled the October 23, 2023 hearing and permitted the Department to further investigate Northern's first revenue decoupling adjustment, the Department concludes that the Commission does not expect it to file a position statement on October 17, 2023, as originally scheduled. See Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing (October 4, 2023).

The Department proposes that a new deadline for the Department's position statement be addressed in the parties' proposed procedural schedule(s), to be filed no later than November 9, 2023. See Commission's Procedural Order (Oct. 13, 2023). Northern, by and through counsel, assents to this proposal. As of this filing, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA)'s position is unknown, although circumstances have not afforded the OCA much time to respond.

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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