STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 12-262

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

2013-2014 CORE Electric Energy Efficiency Programs and Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE AND REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF

NOW COME the Core Utilities,¹ by and through counsel, and respectfully request that the Commission provide an extension to the August 31, 2013 filing deadline for updates to the 2014 program year plan. In support thereof, Core Utilities state as follows:

- 1. On February 1, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC" or the "Commission") approved the 2013-2014 Core Energy Efficiency Programs, as amended by a Settlement Agreement. *Order Approving Energy Efficiency Programs*, Docket No. De 12-262, Order No. 25,462 (Feb. 1, 2013) [hereinafter "Order"].
- 2. In the above-referenced Settlement Agreement, the Core Utilities and the settling parties indicated that the Core Utilities would file their updated 2014 plan on August 31, 2013.
- 3. The updated plan typically includes, among other things, updates to program budgets and changes in program delivery, assumptions of total resource costs and benefits, rebate levels, and participation rates, and updated schedules and attachments to support these changes. In addition, the plan update includes Performance Incentive ("PI") calculations. The Electric

¹ Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("GSEC"); the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NHEC"); Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH"); and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. ("UES") (collectively, the "Electric Utilities"); EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("ENGI") and Northern Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Unitil ("Northern") (collectively, the "Gas Utilities").

Utilities and Staff have proposed changes to the PI, which is currently pending before the Commission.

- 4. In July 2013, Synapse Energy Economics, Inc. released the 2013 Avoided Energy Supply Costs Study. The Study impacts the cost-benefit analyses which must be performed for the proposed 2014 plan. As a result, the Core Utilities require further assessment and coordination prior to filing their 2014 update.
- 5. The Core Utilities now seek an extension of the August 31 deadline until September 13, 2013 to be able to further address impacts of the Avoided Energy Supply Costs Study. The Core Utilities seek immediate relief through Secretarial Letter or other appropriate means.
- 6. This motion is assented to by Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, The Way Home, The Jordan Institute, the Community Action Association, the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, and the Department of Environmental Services.
- 7. Notice of this motion was provided to the discovery service list in Docket No. DE 12-262 on August 29, 2013 and no party indicated its opposition to the extension.

WHEREFORE, the Core Utilities respectfully request that the Commission grant the following relief as soon as possible:

- A. Grant this motion to extend time for filing the 2014 plan update until September 13, 2013; and
- B. Order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion has on this 30th day of August, 2013 been either sent by first class mail postage prepaid or by electronic mail to persons listed on the Service List.

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