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Debra A. Howland
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Concord, NH 03301

Re: DE 17-136; 2018-2020 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan; Benefit/Cost Test Working Group - Update

Dear Ms. Howland:

In the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in this docket on December 31, 2018 (Order No. 26,207), the Settling Parties agreed that the Benefit/Cost (B/C) Working Group (in close coordination with the Evaluation, Measurement & Verification (EM&V) Working Group) would undertake an analysis of cost-effectiveness screening of energy efficiency (EE) programs. In addition, the B/C Working Group would study how energy optimization through fuel switching (EO) is treated in cost effectiveness testing and how EO impacts are counted toward energy savings targets. The B/C Working Group was to complete these studies and submit recommendations to the Commission. The Settlement contemplated a response from the Commission on these recommendations in August 2019.

The B/C Working Group met regularly throughout 2019 (and continues to meet) and is in the final stages of completing a report to the Commission that will contain recommendations for screening EE programs and for treating EO, in connection with the utilities' 2021-2023 EE Plan. However, the Working Group will not complete its recommendations by the end of August. Accordingly, the Working Group respectfully requests that the Commission allow until the end of October 2019 for the Working Group to submit its recommendations.

The utilities are scheduled to file the 2021-2023 EE Plan on July 1, 2020 (according to the Settlement Agreement). The Settling Parties believe that this extension in filing the B/C Working Group recommendations will not cause the utilities to delay that filing.

The Settling Parties (all listed below) concur with this requested extension except for Acadia Center who did not comment on this request:

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Unitil (Gas and Electric)
Liberty (Gas and Electric)
New Hampshire Electric Coop
Staff of PUC
Office of the Consumer Advocate
The Way Home
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Conservation Law Foundation
Clean Energy NH (formerly New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association)

Acadia Center - did not comment on this request

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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