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

Re: DE 19-057; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource);
Request for Change in Rates; Department of Energy's Request to Postpone Hearing Date

Dear Chairman Goldner:

By Procedural Order of February 15, 2022, the Commission scheduled a hearing in this proceeding for March 29, 2022. The Department of Energy (DOE) has been working diligently to prepare for that hearing, including meeting with Eversource to narrow issues of inquiry and preparing joint witness and exhibit lists.

The hearing is to review rate case expenses, which are supported by over 1,000 pages of detailed invoices from many vendors. At the hearing, DOE plans to examine charges from three of the vendors: Keegan Werlin, LLP - legal services, Randstad Corporate Services - plant accounting services, and Economists Incorporated - services for cost studies.

On March 18, Eversource submitted written testimony of Douglas P. Horton, with all the rate case vendor invoices attached. The invoices were filed in the docket on January 15, 2021, but Mr. Horton's testimony is new. Eversource plans to have two additional witnesses at the hearing. Also, Eversource plans to submit new materials on March 25 supporting payments made to Randstad, whose charges of \$151,000 are at issue in this case.

To complete preparations for this hearing, including review of the new Horton testimony and the new Randstad information, the DOE, after discussing possible dates with Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), respectfully requests that this hearing be postponed until after May 6. Eversource and OCA have indicated that they do not object to this request.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020), this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/ Paul B. Dexter
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cc: Service List (electronically)