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Daniel C. Goldner, Chair  
Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DE 19-197 Development of a Statewide Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform,  
*CONFIDENTIAL transcript of drop-down boxes in Governance Council USDOE Concept  
Paper, for February 8, 2024 Status Conference.*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") has provided a CONFIDENTIAL transcript of the Governance Council's concept paper's "drop down boxes" for the status conference scheduled for February 8, 2024.

By way of background, the DOE is a voting member of the Governance Council ("GC") established in this docket. *See* Joint Settlement Agreement (April 28, 2021); Order No. 26,589 (March 2, 2022) (approving settlement). The DOE also fulfills its standard role in this adjudicatory docket by appearing before the Commission to advocate for the DOE's position and for the purposes of providing a complete record for consideration by the Commission. *See* RSA 12-P:2, IV.

Liberty Utilities, Inc. provided the Commission with an electronic version of the GC's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program (GRIP) concept paper on February 2, 2023. The electronic concept paper includes multiple drop-down boxes, which can only be read a few lines at a time. To provide a complete record, *see* RSA 12-P:2, the DOE has prepared a PDF transcript of the drop-down boxes showing the complete text.

The DOE hereby notifies the Commission that the CONFIDENTIAL transcript of the drop-down boxes is being provided under separate cover. Based upon consultation with other GC Members at the February 7, 2024 weekly meeting, the concept paper is sensitive commercial information until such time as the United States Department of Energy deadline for relevant GRIP funding expires. That date is anticipated to be May 22, 2024.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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