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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: Petition of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. for Approved
of Proposed 2021 Qualified Capital Project Annual
Adjustment Charge
Docket DW 21-022**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Commission's Procedural Order, Supplemental Order of Notice and the hearing guidelines issued on January 19, 2021 in Docket DW 21-022, a hearing date was set for March 16, 2022 in person. Pursuant to the Supplemental Order of Notice and the Commission's hearing guidelines, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the use of video conferencing for hybrid, remote attendance at this hearing.

PEU requests remote attendance for this hearing because COVID infections are increasing in the State and due to safety concerns related to potential detrimental health impacts from contracting COVID. PEU's current COVID guidelines for all employees discourages large face-to-face group meetings where possible such as the hearing scheduled in person on March 16, 2022. In addition, allowance of remote attendance will reduce travel costs by witnesses and counsel for the parties. PEU contacted the Department of Energy and the Department has no objection to this request for PEU to attend the hearing remotely.

This filing is made electronically in accordance with the Secretarial Letter dated March 17, 2020. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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