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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Docket No. DE 21-078
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Electric Vehicle Make-Ready and Demand Charge Alternative Proposals

To the Commission:

The Office of the Consumer Advocate is in receipt of the Procedural Order entered by the Commission today in the above-referenced docket. The Procedural Order concerns the hearing scheduled for August 9, 2022 and "requests that any individuals who testified during the July 13, 2022 hearing be available to testify" on August 9.

I am writing to inform the Commission that the witness who testified on behalf of the OCA, Director of Rates and Markets Maureen L. Reno, is out of state, on vacation, and thus will not be available to testify on August 9.

The purpose of Ms. Reno's testimony was to explain why the OCA is a signatory to the Settlement Agreement pending in this docket and why we believe the compromises reflected therein are reasonable from the perspective of residential utility customers. Ms. Reno did not submit prefiled direct testimony in this docket and she did not participate in preparing the responses submitted by the subject utility to the data requests made by the Commission on July 13. Moreover, the OCA does not carry the burden of proof with respect to the petition at issue in this proceeding. Thus, it appears that Ms. Reno's absence on August 9 will not affect the Commission's ability to develop a sufficiently full record to review the pending settlement.

Anyone with concerns about the foregoing is invited to contact me via phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DKreis".

Donald M. Kreis
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Cc: Service List, via e-mail