

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**DE 21-133**  
**LOW-INCOME ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**2021-2022 Electric Assistance Program Budgets**  
**MOTION TO EXTEND FILING DEADLINE FOR CONSULTANT REPORT AND**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS OF NDDOE AND UTILITIES**

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.07, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) hereby moves, with the assent of all parties to the docket including the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE”), for the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to modify Order No. 26,593 (the “Order”), consistent with Puc 202.04(c), and extend the filing deadline of the consultant report and written recommendations of the DOE and the electric utilities from the current deadline of August 15, 2022 to October 3, 2022.

In support of this motion, Eversource states the following:

1. The Commission issued the Order on March 16, 2022, suspending this docket until August 15, 2022 so that the DOE or the electric utilities could hire a consultant via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) process to conduct a review of the current Electric Assistance Program (“EAP”) and issue a report of its findings. Using that report the DOE and the electric utilities would develop written recommendations and submit those recommendations along with the report to the Commission by August 15, 2022. Parties to this docket would then have until August 29, 2022 to file comments on the report and recommendations.
2. Eversource, on behalf of the DOE and the EAP Advisory Board (the “Board”), promptly issued an RFP for the consultant on March 31, 2022 and notified the Commission of the

selection and contract cost for the consultant on May 4, 2022. The consultant began work shortly thereafter.

3. On July 8, 2022 the consultant notified the DOE and the DOE notified Eversource that data was not received from the Community Action Agencies until July 1, and due to the delay in receipt of that data, it would no longer be possible to comply with the report submittal deadline of August 15. The consultant and DOE estimate that the report could be completed by September 20, 2022. It is expected that the DOE and the electric utilities could develop and submit written recommendations based on the report within two weeks of receiving the report, on October 3, 2022, which is consistent with the Commission's schedule in the Order for developing such recommendations.

4. According to Puc 202.04(c), the Commission shall grant a request for an extension of time when “(1) The party making the request has demonstrated that circumstances would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the request were granted; and (2) The extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party.” Here, all parties to this docket assent to this extension request, so no party's rights would be adversely affected. However, if the DOE and electric utilities do not receive the report prior to August 15, they will have no information upon which to make their written recommendations to the Commission, which could impinge upon those parties' rights in this matter.

5. Notably, the current circumstances would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the extension request is granted, as the consultant is not able to comply with the August 15 deadline, which means, as noted above, that the DOE and electric utilities would have no meaningful opportunity or information upon which to make their written recommendations to the Commission. These circumstances would certainly more significantly unduly delay the

proceeding than the instant request for a six-week extension of the filing deadline. For these reasons, the request for an extension of the filing deadline is justified and Commission approval would be consistent with Puc 202.04(c).


WHEREFORE, EVERSOURCE respectfully requests that the Commission:

- (1) Approve the filing extension as proposed in this motion; and
- (2) Order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

**Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a  
Eversource Energy**


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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

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