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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
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Re: DE 22-004; Eversource Energy; Implementation of the Clean Energy Fund; Letter Regarding Audit

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On February 4, 2022, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened this docket, “for purposes of facilitating the ongoing collaborative process for interested stakeholders” to develop and implement the Clean Energy Fund. Order No. 26,577 at 7. The Commission ordered Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a/ Eversource (Eversource) to “report to the Commission in DE 22-004 annually on May 1 concerning the financial status of the Clean Energy Fund and customer participation levels in the approved programs supported by fund monies.” Order No. 26,577 at 10.

On June 7, 2022, the Commission ruled on the parties’ Motion for Rehearing and ordered an audit be completed, “by June 1 each year, beginning in 2023 . . .” but did not specifically order the Department of Energy (Department) to perform the audit.<sup>1</sup> Order No. 26,636 at 3. However, on November 10, 2022, the Commission specified that the Department should perform an audit of the Report.<sup>2</sup> Order No. 26,720 at 5. On May 1, 2023 Eversource submitted its Annual Clean Energy Fund Report (Report). The Department commenced the audit upon receiving the Report but cannot complete it within thirty (30) days. The Department submits this letter to inform the Commission that it will provide its audit report to the Commission upon completion of the audit.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission did not require the Department of Energy (Department) to complete the audit, but “suggest[ed]” that the Department complete it in order to reduce costs. Order No. 26,636 at 3.

<sup>2</sup> “Aside from these updates and directives, we leave the provisions of Order No. 26,577 and Order No. 26,636 intact. In particular, we reinforce the annual reporting requirements set up in Order 26,636 which specify that annual reports regarding these programs shall be made on May 1 of each year, beginning on May 1, 2023 with audits by the DOE of these annual reports submitted to the Commission by June 1 of each year, beginning on June 1, 2023. Order No. 26,636 at 3. This Docket No. DE 22-004 will remain open to receive these reports and to serve as the reference point for further Commission review and decision-making.” Order No. 26,720 at 5.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice this letter is being filed only in electronic form. Thank you for your consideration of this issue, and the Department is looking forward to working with the parties and the Commission on this docket.

Sincerely,

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