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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DE 22-030; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy;
Petition for Third Step Adjustment; Request for July Hearing

Dear Chairman Goldner:

By letter and petition filed in this matter on April 29, 2022, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) requested that the Commission schedule a hearing this matter in June, for rates effective August 1, 2022. Eversource refers to a Settlement Agreement from DE 19-057 (Settlement) that established the Third Step Adjustment that is under review herein.

The Settlement at Section 10.3(g) states that the Company acknowledges that Staff (now Department of Energy (DOE)) and Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) require at least 90 days to review each step filing. Although not stated, Staff (and OCA and Eversource also, we believe) contemplated a hearing on this step filing in July, not June. This would allow Staff adequate time to review the step adjustment filing.

Accordingly, DOE respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a hearing in this matter in July, 2022 but notes that the DOE is not available on July 5,6,7, or 8.

Eversource has indicated that it supports DOE's request for a July hearing, but notes that it is not available on July 14, 15, 21, or 22.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020) this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Paul B. Dexter*

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