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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: Docket No. DE 22-030
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Third Step Adjustment
Response to DOE Letter Regarding September 13, 2022 Hearing**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) has scheduled the hearing regarding Public Service Company d/b/a Eversource Energy’s (“Eversource” or the “Company”) petition for approval of its third step adjustment, docketed as DE 22-030, for Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The hearing is scheduled for three hours from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Yesterday, September 6, , the Department of Energy (“DOE”) filed a letter indicating that it does not anticipate that this three-hour timeslot will be adequate. DOE has also identified Utility Analyst Jay Dudley as a witness for the hearing.

Eversource agrees that the three-hour hearing scheduled for September 13th will be insufficient to conduct a proper examination of the issues under discussion. Provided that sufficient due process is allowed, the Company has no objection to Mr. Dudley serving as a witness at the hearing. However, the Company notes that Mr. Dudley has not sponsored any testimony or exhibits in this proceeding to this point. The Company’s ability to conduct cross-examination pursuant to RSA 541-A:33 is undermined where the testimony is offered in the first instance during the evidentiary hearing, by a witness who has not submitted pre-filed testimony providing notice of the technical facts and conclusions on which the witness will testify. Therefore, the Company must reserve its right to cross-examine Mr. Dudley following receipt of the transcript from the September 13, 2022 hearing.

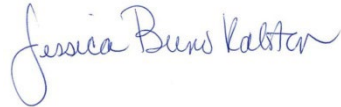
So long as the Company’s right to cross-examination is preserved, the Company does not object to Mr. Dudley’s participation as a witness. Eversource supports the development of a complete record to enable the Commission to reach a fair and just decision in this proceeding. Allowing the Company to conduct its cross-examination on a second hearing date will provide sufficient time for Eversource to review Mr. Dudley’s testimony and consult with the appropriate internal witnesses. The Commission has previously recognized that witnesses must have sponsored written testimony or exhibits if such witnesses are to be cross-examined.¹

¹ DE 21-020, March 15, 2022 Transcript at 34.

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Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Buno Ralston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Buno Ralston

cc: Service List, Docket DE 22-030