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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DE 22-035; Request for Step Adjustment; Department of Energy Response to Procedural Order

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In a Procedural Order dated September 22, 2022 in this proceeding, the Public Utilities Commission requested a status update by the Department of Energy (Department) and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp., d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) concerning four items. This letter is the Department's status update.

1. The Department has not issued any data requests in this matter (since the hearing held July 19, 2022) because Liberty has not identified any substitute projects for review.
2. The Department does not believe the full procedural schedule as approved on August 29 is needed because Liberty has not identified any substitute projects for review. An abbreviated schedule will be needed to allow Liberty to file for a rate decrease to reflect the absence of substitute projects.
3. The Department's Audit Division is currently auditing the LED Street Light Conversion Project and plans to issue a Final Audit Report on or before October 21, 2022.
4. The Department contacted Liberty regarding an abbreviated schedule to reflect the necessary rate decrease, but the Department and Liberty have not yet agreed upon a schedule. In the Department's view, such schedule should include a filing date, a brief review period, and a short hearing.

Consistent with current Commission practice, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul B. Dexter

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