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

Re: DW 22-058 Bedford Waste Services Corporation Request for Change in Rates – Request for Adjustment to Settlement Filing Date

Dear Chairman Goldner:

cc: Docket Service List

On December 21, 2022, the Commission approved the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed joint procedural schedule in the above captioned docket, including a filing deadline of June 1, 2023, for any settlement on permanent rates.

Over the past several months the DOE and Bedford Waste Services Corporation (together the "Parties") have engaged in meaningful settlement negotiations. Respectfully, as the Parties are continuing to finalize an agreement but do not feel there is enough time before the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, the Parties request that the Commission approve a change to the approved procedural schedule to accommodate a settlement filing date of June 28, 2023.

The relief requested is consistent with Puc 202.04 requirements. Bedford Waste Services Corporation (Bedford), through its attorney, assents to the relief requested herein. Consequently, Bedford's rights will not be adversely affected by this extension request. In addition, this request will not unduly delay the proceeding, as additional time is essential to allow the Parties to finalize a settlement. Furthermore, this change will not impact the remainder of the procedural schedule in this docket because the hearing on permanent rates is scheduled for July 12, 2023. The Parties thus could be caused undue hardship or inconvenience if the extension is not granted, and therefore the delay is reasonable and appropriate.

Sincerely,

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