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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Docket No. DE 23-004, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy - Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program
Request for Expedited Extension of Deadline to File Exceptions to or Comments
On Hearings Examiner's Report and Recommendation

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") respectfully requests that the Commission extend for one week the deadline for filing exceptions to or comments on the Hearings Examiner's Report and Recommended Order filed on December 22, 2023 (the "Report"). The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire and the NRG Companies have both indicated that they concur with and join in the extension request. The Department of Energy has not yet responded to state its position regarding the extension request.

In the Report, Examiner Eric Wind, consistent with the Commission's September 1, 2023 procedural order providing for a ten calendar day filing deadline, indicated that "[e]xceptions to or comments on this report and recommendation may be filed by January 2, 2024, for the Commission's consideration." Unfortunately, however, the ten calendar day period between December 22nd and January 2nd includes two long holiday weekends and a school vacation week, during which a substantial number of relevant personnel from Eversource, and presumably other parties as well, are not available to develop the exceptions or comments for submission to the Commission.

Granting the requested extension will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party because the extension is not for a significant period of time, there is no specific deadline for the Commission to issue an order, and there will be a second phase to this proceeding in any event. Instead, a one-week extension of time, until January 9, 2024, will serve to ensure that the Commission receives fully developed and thoughtful comments or exceptions, should parties find it necessary to file such comments or exceptions.

Accordingly, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission grant, on an expedited basis, a one-week extension of the deadline for filing comments on or exceptions to the Report, such that the extended deadline will be January 9, 2024.

Consistent with current Commission policy, this filing is being made electronically only and paper copies will not follow. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ David K. Wiesner

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cc: DE 23-004 Service List