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

Re: DE 24-070, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy,
Request for Change in Distribution Rates; Department of Energy Testimony

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are testimonies of the following witnesses on behalf of the Department of Energy ("Department"):

Joint Testimony of Nicholas A. Crowley and Dr. Daniel P. McLeod, Consultants to the Department – Performance-based ratemaking

Michael Ty Clark, Consultant to the Department – Cost of service study review, decoupling, and rate design issues

J. Randall Woolridge, Consultant to the Department – Return on equity, weighted average cost of capital

Not included are the following testimonies that the Department plans to file on or before February 7, 2025 (with a Request to Accept Late Filed Testimony) as indicated in its letter filed January 16, 2025:¹

Joint Testimony of Jay E. Dudley, Utility Analyst, Ronald D. Willoughby, Consultant to the Department, and Joseph J. DeVirgilio, Consultant to the Department – Review of capital expenditures, vegetation management, storm cost recovery, performance-based ratemaking, and audit issues

Donna H. Mullinax, Consultant to the Department – Revenue deficiency/revenue requirement

Stephen R. Eckberg, Utility Analyst – Depreciation, lead/lag study analysis, fee free credit/debit card payment option, and new start arrears forgiveness program

¹ See Docket No. DE 24-070, Tab 115, New Hampshire Department of Energy Response to Eversource Letter Opposing the Department's Request to Amend Procedural Schedule

Joint Testimony of Elizabeth R. Nixon, Electric Director, and Jacqueline M. Trottier, Utility Analyst – Overview of testimonies, decoupling, and miscellaneous issues.

The Department understands the Commission’s stated need to continue other work while providing this matter the attention needed.² The Department was able to complete the three testimonies enclosed in time for filing today. Given continuing competing and expanding schedules in other dockets, the Department continues to try to prioritize its efforts towards completing the four remaining testimonies. The Department plans to incorporate the results of the Department’s Final Audit Report and the information Eversource indicated it would provide following the January 7 pre-hearing technical conference into the testimonies to be filed on or before February 7, 2025.³

Please note that the testimony of Michael Ty Clark and Joint Testimony of Nicholas A. Crowley and Dr. Daniel P. McLeod contain confidential information. Attached is a copy of a redacted version of these testimonies, which redacts confidential information from the testimonies.

Please note also that live Excel files associated with certain attachments will be filed Monday, January 27, 2025, under separate cover.

Consistent with the Commission’s current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul B. Dexter

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² See Docket No. DE 24-070, Tab 116, Procedural Order Re: Department of Energy’s Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule (January 17, 2025)

³ See Docket No. 24-070, Tab 115, New Hampshire Department of Energy Response to Eversource Letter Opposing the Department’s Request to Amend Procedural Schedule (January 16, 2025), noting that the Department is awaiting results of the Department’s Final Audit Report as well as additional information Eversource agreed to provide that was asked for by the Commission at the January 7, 2025, pre-hearing technical conference. Those items remain outstanding.

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