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

Re: DE 24-112 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy,  
Petition for Adjustment of Stranded Cost Recovery Charge for Effect on February 1,  
2025; **Department of Energy Position on Procedural Questions**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On January 14, 2025, the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”) issued a procedural order requesting the parties provide their positions on “the following potential course of Commission action: (1) cancellation of the January 21, 2025 hearing in this SCRC proceeding; (2) scheduling of a prehearing conference regarding the Energy Service (ES) reconciliation-related SCRIC proposals by Eversource for 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2025; (3) having a March 19, 2025 all-day hearing on all of the issues noticed in this SCRC proceeding, including the ES reconciliation-related proposals; and (4) an extended April 1, 2025 implementation date for the SCRC rates to be potentially approved in this instant proceeding.” On January 16, 2025, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) submitted its Position on the Procedural Schedule Modification. In its statement, Eversource “urge[d] the Commission to hold the hearing as scheduled for Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, to address all components of the SCRC rate other than the ES Proposal, and to approve adjustment of all other SCRC rate components for effect February 1, 2025. Only the single issue of the ES Proposal would be subject to further process and adjudication in this proceeding with a decision on the ES Proposal issued by April 1, 2025.” The New Hampshire Department of Energy (“Department”) supported Eversource’s Procedural Position Statement. The OCA did not provide its position and CPCNH, NRG Retail Companies, RESA, and Colonial Power did not object to Eversource’s request.

The Department supports Eversource’s request that the PUC hold a final hearing on the SCRC rates, but for the ES reconciliation held in a deferral account, on January 21, 2025, and for those rates (but for the aforementioned ES reconciliation) to be effective February 1, 2025. It is the Department’s understanding that Eversource needs regulatory certainty regarding the Part 1 costs, and those rates need to be in effect February 1, 2025. The Department has contacted Eversource and requested that Eversource provide a calculation of the rates to be implemented on February 1, 2025.

The Department has no position regarding the Commission's suggestion that a prehearing conference be held on February 4, 2024, regarding the ES reconciliation issue and agrees with Eversource that this pre-hearing conference may not be needed if the parties propose a procedural schedule for Commission approval in advance of this date. The Department is open to working with the parties to develop this schedule and recommends that the parties schedule a Technical Session to discuss the ES reconciliation in detail. The Department is available on March 19, 2025, for a final hearing to adjudicate the ES reconciliation issue only.

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,

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