STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 20-161

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Procedural Order Re: Request to Extend Deadline

On June 21, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) filed a request to extend the June 26, 2023 deadline for filing reply briefs (*see* Transcript of April 25, 2023 Hearing at 93) to June 30, 2023. The DOE stated that, "due to the press of other business, which could not otherwise be assigned," it needed additional time to conduct a comprehensive review of the matters raised in the other briefs. It represented that Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and Clean Energy New Hampshire assented to its request. The Office of the Consumer Advocate objected to the DOE's extension request in its letter filed on June 21 for reasons which included that the basis of the DOE's request was "vague and unpersuasive."

Given the short amount of time remaining before the June 26 deadline, the Commission waives the ten-day objection period in New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e). The Commission GRANTS the DOE's request for a brief extension, though the DOE could have been more specific about why it was unable to meet the June 26 deadline. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 202.04(c)(1). Accordingly, the DOE shall file its reply brief <u>on or before June 30, 2023</u>.

So ordered, this twenty-third day of June, 2023.

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