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December 17, 2018

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21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: IR 18-062 Investigation of Utility Poles and Attachments
Storm Damage and Response Issues
Request for Extension of Deadline to File Report

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 12, 2018, in response to a recommendation from Commission Staff, the Commission issued an Order of Notice in the above-referenced docket, opening a generic investigation docket regarding matters related to the safety and general status of utility poles and attached wires and cables in the State. The Commission directed Staff to investigate the issues enumerated in the Order of Notice, with a report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to be made to the Commission no later than September 28, 2018.

Staff issued discovery requests on pole owners and attaching entities and held a stakeholders' meeting on May 17, 2018 with the utilities and attachers. Upon review of the discovery responses and information provided by those stakeholders, Staff initiated efforts to hold a meeting with state and municipal first responders. That meeting was held on November 2, 2018, and Staff is currently considering the information addressed during that meeting and determining the next steps to be undertaken in its investigation.

Staff has determined that additional time will be required to complete and file its report in this investigation docket. Staff therefore requests that the deadline for filing that report be extended until January 28, 2018. Please excuse the late filing of this extension request, which occurred through inadvertence and was not intentional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner".

David K. Wiesner
Attorney for Staff

cc: Service List

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