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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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**Re: DE 20-161 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan  
Request to Suspend Procedural Schedule**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 21, 2020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed its Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) for Commission review consistent with RSA 378:38. On December 1, 2020, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in this proceeding, later supplementing that initial schedule with an interim schedule on April 13, 2021.

Among other things, RSA 378:39 requires the Commission to review Eversource's LCIRP and consider the potential environmental, economic, and health related impacts of options proposed in the plan. Due to recent staff attrition, the Electric Division of the Commission currently lacks access to the engineering expertise necessary to thoroughly evaluate the LCIRP as required under RSA 378:39.

Staff therefore requests, with the assent of Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule in this proceeding until such time as the Electric Division gains access to engineering expertise necessary to review the Eversource LCIRP in a manner consistent with the Commission's obligations under RSA 378:39.

I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian D. Buckley".

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