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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chair  
Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street  
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Re: DE 20-161 Eversource Energy 2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan  
*DOE's Partially-Assented -to Proposed Amended Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Under the current procedural schedule, the Department of Energy (DOE), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), and Clean Energy New Hampshire (CENH) are scheduled to provide written testimony on July 25, 2022. As explained below, DOE needs additional time to file DOE's testimony and proposes to amend the procedural schedule accordingly. The proposed changes do not change the scheduled hearing date. Eversource and CENH do not object to the relief requested.

DOE needs additional time due to numerous intervening matters in other dockets, which have impeded DOE's ability to file its testimony by the specified deadline. DOE and its consultants continue to work together to process and analyze the data provided by Eversource, however DOE needs additional time to file testimony. Therefore, DOE proposes that the procedural schedule be adjusted as follows:

Action or Event	Date or Deadline
DOE/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	August 19, 2022
Data Requests to DOE/OCA/Intervenors	September 7, 2022
DOE/OCA/Intervenor Responses to Data Requests	September 21, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	September 26, 2022
Eversource Rebuttal Testimony (if necessary)	September 30, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	October 5, 2022
Hearing Dates	October 18 and 19, 9 am

As stated above, Eversource and CENH, by and through counsel, do not object to the relief requested. OCA objects. *See* NH Admin R. Puc 202.04 (b).

If the proposed procedural schedule is not approved, DOE will have to forego filing testimony in this docket. This will significantly compromise DOE's position, and also impact the ability of the other parties to conduct relevant discovery on DOE. Ultimately, this would also compromise the Commission's understanding of the matters at issue in this LCIRP docket. *See* RSA 378:38-:40. Thus, unless DOE is granted the relief requested, DOE, and other(s) will be caused undue hardship and inconvenience. *See* Puc 202.04. Granting the relief requested will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party, because the scheduled hearing date remains unchanged. *See id.* The above factors support the Commission granting DOE's request to amend the procedural schedule.

Accordingly, DOE respectfully requests that the Commission approve DOE's partially-assented-to request to amend the procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mary E. Schwarzer*

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