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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 20-161 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, 2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan, *DOE's Request for Consultant(s) to Testify Remotely*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

By Procedural Order dated March 25, 2022, the Commission set hearings in this case for October 18 and October 19, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day. The Procedural Order states that hearings will be "conducted in person . . ." As explained in more detail below, the Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking leave for certain witnesses to testify remotely to reduce witness travel time and related expenses.

DOE plans to have DOE Staff Jay E. Dudley, Utilities Analyst IV and Ronald D. Willoughby, of River Consulting Group, Inc. testify at the hearing in this docket scheduled for October 18 and October 19. *See* Testimony (filed August 26, 2022).

To significantly reduce witness travel time and related expenses, DOE respectfully requests leave for Mr. Willoughby to testify remotely. Mr. Willoughby is based in Apex, North Carolina. Joseph J. DeVirgilio, Jr. of the River Consulting Group has recently filled in for Mr. Willoughby at a technical session. In the event that the parties wish to have Mr. DeVirgilio attend the hearing, DOE would use its best efforts to make Mr. DeVirgilio available remotely. Accordingly, DOE also respectfully requests leave for Mr. DeVirgilio, who is based in North Venice, Florida, to testify remotely. Both consultants from the River Consulting Group would otherwise need to travel overnight to testify in person and would need to remain in New Hampshire for a number of days.

This request is consistent with the 15-day notice period required by applicable Hearing Guidelines (filed March 25, 2022). Consistent with the Commission's current policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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