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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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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 (LCIRP) *DOE Technical Statement of Jay E.
Dudley and Ronald D. Willoughby Regarding PSNH 2020 LCIRP and LCIRP
Supplement*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the Department of Energy (DOE or “the Department”) *Technical Statement of Jay E. Dudley and Ronald D. Willoughby Regarding PSNH’s 2020 LCIRP and LCIRP Supplement*. This technical statement responds to PSNH’s 2020 LCIRP Supplement (October 18, 2022) and recommends that the Commission accept PSNH’s supplemental filing and approve the Company’s 2020 LCIRP, inclusive of the 2020 LCIRP Supplement, with the following exceptions:

- DOE recommends that in the next two years PSNH investigate lowering its nonwires alternatives (NWA) threshold to \$1 million for New Hampshire projects; and
- DOE notes that at the direction of the General Court, DOE has recently opened an investigative docket, DOE Docket IP 2022-001 to consider modifications to Administrative Rule Puc 903.01(e) to ensure the establishment of cost effective and timely interconnection procedures. DOE observed PSNH’s use of N-1 criteria in its development of the 2020 LCIRP, and asks the Commission to note that the Department considers DOE approval of the application of the N-1 criteria for DER interconnections to be contingent upon the outcome of DOE Docket IP 2022-001.

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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