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

***RE: DE 20-161, Eversource Energy 2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan  
CENH Request to Enlarge Time to File Reply Brief from June 26, 2023 to June 30, 2023,  
for All Parties***

Dear Chair Goldner,

Clean Energy NH (“CENH”) respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadline for filing a reply brief in this docket for *all* parties from Monday, June 26, 2023, to Friday, June 30, 2023. CENH seeks this extension to ensure that there is consistent treatment of all parties to the docket.

On June 21, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“the Department”) requested that the Public Utilities Commission (“the Commission”) extend the Department’s deadline for filing its Reply Brief in this docket from Monday, June 26, 2023, to Friday, June 30, 2023. As required, the Department sought consent of the other parties to this docket. By and through counsel, Eversource and Clean Energy assented to the relief requested; the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) objected. On June 23, 2023, the Commission granted this request.

However, CENH requests that the deadline for the Reply Comments be extended to June 30, 2023, all parties to the docket. CENH seeks extension so that there is consistent treatment of all parties to the docket. CENH understands that the Department was amenable to the establishment of a consistent deadline as it had stated as such in its outreach to parties. However, a key CENH staff was on vacation and were unable to respond, CENH staff covering the issue had simply assented to the request. The Department’s filing on June 21, at no fault to its staff, did not reflect CENH’s interest that equitable treatment be applied to all parties.

CENH's request for this extension is consistent with Commission requirements. See Puc 202.04(c)(1). As the Commission has already granted the Department until June 30, "[t]he extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party". See also Puc 202.04(c)(2). Circumstances "would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the request is granted" because parties other than the Department would have less time that to finalize their comments, and further the Department would be able to review all other Reply Comments before finalizing its own.

As required, CENH sought the consent of the other parties to this docket. See Puc 202.04(b). Eversource indicates that it does not object to this request. However, given the short time between, CENH did not hear back from the Department. The OCA objected to this extension request.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic format.

Please do not hesitate to follow up with me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sincerely,

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