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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: IR 22-053 Electric and Gas Utilities – Investigation of Energy Commodity Procurement Renewable Portfolio Standard; Default Service Electric Power; Cost of Gas Methodology and Process – Department of Energy Electric Responses to Record Requests

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy appreciates the Commission's thoughtful questions included in *Procedural Order Re: Record Requests* (February 8, 2023). After reviewing the record requests, the Department believes that our previous filing dated February 1, 2023, reflects our current position on issues raised relative to the utility's default electric service procurement process. Specifically, at this time, the Department would likely not support the inclusion of laddering as an approach to energy procurement, in any format, and the Department believes the utilities are best suited to manage the determination of optimal tranche size and number. However, the Department reserves the right to comment further, after all participants have filed their responses. Again, the Department appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in this proceeding, and looks forward to discussing these issues, and others, further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew C. Young".

Matthew C. Young  
Hearings Examiner/Staff Attorney

cc: Docket Service List