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Re: DE 17-136, Electric and Gas Utilities

2018-2020 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan

Extension of Deadline for Filing Benefit Cost Working Group Report

To the Parties:

On August 30, 2019, Commission Staff (Staff), on behalf of the Benefit Cost Working Group (B/C Working Group), filed a letter requesting an extension of the deadline for the B/C Working Group's report, which was due by the end of August 2019 pursuant to the settlement agreement that the Commission approved in Order No. 26,207 (December 31, 2018) (Settlement Agreement). The parties to the Settlement Agreement concurred with the deadline extension request.

The Settlement Agreement designated the B/C Working Group as the technical lead for two studies: the Cost-Effectiveness Test Analysis and the Energy Optimization Study. It required the B/C Working Group to file a report with the Commission regarding the results of these studies by August 2019, so that the Commission could respond to the report in August 2019. According to Staff, the B/C Working Group has met regularly and is in the process of completing its report, but was unable to do so by the August 2019 deadline. The B/C Working Group requested an extension of the deadline for filing its report until the end of October 2019. Staff stated that the concurring parties believe this extension would not cause a delay in filing the energy efficiency plan for 2021-2023, which is due by July 1, 2020.

The Commission has reviewed the B/C Working Group's request to extend the deadline for filing its report and has determined that the standard for an extension of time contained in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 202.04 has been satisfied. Accordingly, the B/C Working Group's request has been granted, and its report shall now be filed on or before Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Sincerely,

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