COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Promote and Protect Consumer Interests in the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market.	)	**D.P.U. 19-07**

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Department of Energy Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("DOER") hereby respectfully requests, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.02(5), an extension of time to file written comments in the above-referenced proceeding.

On January 18, 2019, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") issued an Order opening an investigation into initiatives to promote and protect consumer interests in the retail electric competitive supply market. This investigation was docketed as D.P.U. 19-07. On January 23, 2019, the Department issued a Notice of Investigation and Request for Comments ("NOI"). The deadline to provide written comments to the Department is February 19, 2019.

With respect to the request, good cause exists for the Department to extend its deadline to file written comments. In this proceeding, the Department has posed a range of important questions related to improving the protections provided to residential customers related to the marketing and delivery of competitive suppliers' product offerings. The Department has also indicated that it anticipates and hopes for significant interest in this proceeding. In order to provide sufficient time for thorough and detailed written comments to add value to the proceeding and better inform the Department's investigation, the DOER requests additional time to respond. In addition, no party intending to respond to the Department's NOI will be harmed by the Department granting this request.

DOER respectfully requests that the Department grant an extension of time to file written comments until **Friday, March 8, 2019**.

Respectfully submitted,

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