


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Inquiry of the Department of Public Utilities into Establishing Policies and Practices for Electric and Gas Companies Regarding Customer Assistance and Ratemaking Measures in Connection to the State of Emergency Regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

D.P.U. 20-58

GRANTED


Rachel Cottle JULY 14, 2020
Hearing Officer

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME BY
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.02(5), the Office of the Attorney General (“AGO”) respectfully moves for an extension of time in the above-captioned matter. Specifically, the AGO requests to extend the deadline to file a consensus ratemaking proposal to July 24, 2020. As directed by the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) on page 10 of its order issued on May 11, 2020, the deadline to file a consensus ratemaking proposal, with any differences identified, was three weeks following the Distribution Companies’ submission of their ratemaking proposal to the Working Group, *i.e.* June 30, 2020. On June 26, 2020, the AGO requested a two-week extension to July 14, 2020. Today, the AGO requests an additional ten-day extension of time, to July 24, 2020.

Good cause exists to modify the deadline to file a consensus ratemaking proposal in this manner. Per 220 C.M.R. § 1.02(5), “for good cause shown, any time limit prescribed or allowed by 220 CMR 1.00 may be extended” in the discretion of the Commission or the presiding officer. Here, good cause exists because the AGO has expended considerable time and effort during the past two weeks formulating a thorough, substantive response to the Distribution Companies’ ratemaking proposal, which the AGO will distribute to the Working Group on Monday, July 13,

2020. As a result, an additional ten days beyond the current deadline of July 14, 2020 is necessary for the Working Group to have sufficient time to discuss the AGO's response and develop a comprehensive report for the Department. Accordingly, because good cause exists, the Department should grant the AGO's requested extension of time.

WHEREFORE, the AGO respectfully requests that the Department grant its request to extend the deadline to file a consensus ratemaking proposal, with differences identified, to July 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in these proceedings in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure). Dated at Boston this 10th day of July, 2020.

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