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Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Inquiry into Establishing Policies and Practices for Electric and Gas Companies – D.P.U. 20-58

Dear Secretary Marini:

On behalf of the Distribution Companies enclosed is a Motion for an Extension of Time in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me or any of the Distribution Companies' counsel with any questions you may have regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



Ashley Wagner, Esq.

Enclosures

cc: Rachel Cottle, Esq. – Hearing Officer
Elizabeth Anderson, Esq. – Office of the Attorney General
Robert Hoagland, Esq. – Department of Energy Resources
Charles Harak, Esq. - National Consumer Law Center
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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) D.P.U. 20-58
Regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19))
Pandemic.)
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JOINT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unital (“Unital”), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), and NSTAR Gas Company and NSTAR Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”), Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts (“CMA”), Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”), and The Berkshire Gas Company (“Berkshire”)(together, the “Distribution Companies”) pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.02(5) hereby request an extension to file a consensus ratemaking proposal by the Working Group.

On May 11, 2020, the Department of Public Utilities issued a Notice of Inquiry 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”) Pandemic (“NOI”). The NOI directed the Working Group to create a Customer Assistance Report followed by a consensus ratemaking proposal to support customer assistance initiatives and to maintain the financial integrity of the utilities in response to COVID-19. The Working Group submitted the Customer Assistance report on May 29, 2020 and the Distribution

Companies submitted a joint ratemaking proposal to the Working Group on June 9, 2020. The deadline for the consensus ratemaking proposal was June 29, 2020. However, the Office of the Attorney General filed two Motions for an Extension of Time moving the deadline to July 24, 2020.

The Working Group is working collaboratively to develop a consensus ratemaking proposal and progress to completion is underway. Given the time needed to coordinate amongst the Distribution Companies and the Working Group and to develop consensus language, the Distribution Companies respectfully request an extension of eight business days to submit the consensus ratemaking proposal to the Department. This extension will result in moving the current deadline from Friday, July 24, 2020 to Wednesday, August 5, 2020. The Working Group contemplates that this will be the final extension that is needed and a filing will be made on that date.

Respectfully Submitted,

DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

By their attorneys,

**FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC
LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a UNITIL**



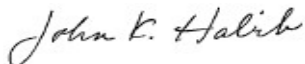
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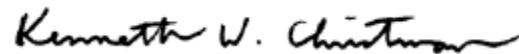
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