

**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) D.P.U. 19-07
electric competitive supply market)
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JOINT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil”), Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Boston Gas Company and former Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, NSTAR Electric Company, NSTAR Gas Company, and Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts each d/b/a Eversource Energy, The Berkshire Gas Company, and Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (collectively the “Distribution Companies”) pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.02(5) hereby request an extension to file written comments on the proposals put forth in the Hearing Officer Memorandum issued by the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) on November 19, 2020.

The Distribution Companies have good cause to request an extension to provide comments due to the need to review the Department’s proposals and create meaningful, detailed and responsive comments to the proposals set forth therein. The Distribution Companies require additional time to coordinate both with each other, and internally with each Distribution Company’s technical subject matter experts on the Department’s proposals in order to develop these comments and provide meaningful input. The Distribution Companies require additional time to review the proposals, coordinate and provide complete and accurate responses to each proposal set forth. Additionally, certain employees necessary to review and provide input on these

proposals were called to respond to the Winter Storm on December 16 and 17, 2020. Lastly, due to intervening holidays, many of the Distribution Companies' necessary employees have limited availability to coordinate and actively participate in these necessary discussions.

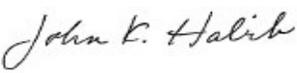
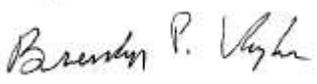
Given the time needed to coordinate among the Distribution Companies and the technical subject matter experts, the Distribution Companies respectfully request an extension of fourteen business days to submit written comments on the proposals to the Department. This extension will result in moving the current deadline to submit initial comments from Friday, December 18, 2020 to Monday, January 11, 2021, and the current deadline to submit reply comments from Friday, January 15, 2021 to Thursday, February 4, 2021. Given the long-term nature of this docket, no party will be prejudiced by this brief extension of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

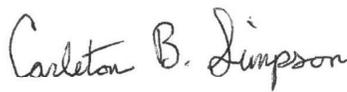
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