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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 December 31, 2020, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued an interim decision in the above-referenced docket regarding the ratemaking proposal submitted to the Department on August 5, 2020, by the Ratemaking Working Group convened in the above-referenced proceeding.¹ In the interim decision, the Department directed the Distribution Companies to make a compliance filing on Friday, January 22, 2021. Order at 21. To coordinate a response between the Distribution Companies and the AGO, additional time is required to complete the compliance filing. The Distribution Companies have conferred with the AGO and expect to submit the compliance filing to the Department no later than Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me should any questions arise.

Sincerely,



Cheryl M. Kimball

Enclosure

cc: Rachel Cottle, Esq. – Hearing Officer
Jo Ann Bodemer, Esq. – Office of the Attorney General
Robert Hoagland, Esq. – Department of Energy Resources
Charles Harak, Esq. - National Consumer Law Center
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¹ The Ratemaking Working Group includes the following distribution companies: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitol; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid; NSTAR Gas Company, NSTAR Electric Company, and Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts, each d/b/a Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; and The Berkshire Gas Company (collectively, the “Distribution Companies”). In addition to the Distribution Companies, the “Ratemaking Working Group” includes the Office of the Attorney General (“AGO”), the Department of Energy Resources, the National Consumer Law Center, the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network and Associated Industries of Massachusetts.