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

Re: <u>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 and 2019 Arrearage Management Plans, D.P.U. 19-AMP</u>

Dear Mr. Marini:

On March 3, 2021, the Department of Public Utilities (the "Department") issued its Second Set of Information Requests to certain local distribution companies, including Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts and NSTAR Gas Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy, Boston Gas Company and the former Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, The Berkshire Gas Company, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (collectively the "LDCs").

The LDCs responses to the Department's Second Set of Information Requests are currently due to be filed on March 17, 2021. However, the LDCs respectfully request, pursuant to 220 CMR 1.02(5), a brief extension of time, until March 31, 2021, to respond to the Department's Second Set of Information Requests. Good cause exists for this extension due to the detailed nature of the data requested and the need for additional time for each of the LDCs to review their records, compile the requested data, and check the data for accuracy. Given that there is no procedural schedule established for this docket, no party will be prejudiced by this brief extension of time.

Liberty was not served with the Department's Second Set of Information Requests on March 3, 2021. It did not become aware of the existence of the Department's requests until March 10, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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