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Subject: D.P.U. 20-75 comment deadline extension request--granted

Dear D.P.U. 20-75 Electronic Distribution List:

On March 24, 2021, The Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued a Hearing Officer Memorandum that announced next procedural steps, requested comments, and set forth information requests to the electric distribution companies (“EDCs”) and stakeholders in D.P.U. 20-75 (“Memorandum”). The Memorandum established April 23, 2021 as the deadline for the EDCs to file system planning analysis proposals to implement the distribution system assessment process, May 7, 2021 as the deadline for interested participants to file initial comments, and May 14, 2021 as the deadline for interested participants to file reply comments. On April 28, 2021, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (“IREC”) submitted a request seeking a three week extension of the deadline to submit initial comments on the EDCs’ system planning analysis proposals from May 7, 2021 to May 28, 2021. IREC indicated that Borrego Solar, NECEC, and the Attorney General’s Office “have all indicated strong support for an extension” and followed up via email on April 29, 2021 to communicate that the Department of Energy Resources do “not oppose an extension of not more than 2 weeks to the original deadline.” Recognizing the complexity of the task at hand and the reasonableness of the extension, the Department approves the below extension request. Thus, the Department extends the **deadline to submit initial comments on the EDCs’ system planning analysis proposals to Friday, May 28, 2021** and the **deadline to submit reply comments to Friday, June 11, 2021**.

Moreover, D.P.U. 20-75 is an involved and complex proceeding. As such, the participants are expected to comply with the Department's Procedural Rules, 220 CMR 1.00. For example, asking for an extension of time should be by means of a Motion.

For further information regarding this email or to request addition to or removal from the D.P.U. 20-75 electronic distribution list, please contact me at katie.zilgme@mass.gov.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Request for extension in 20-75

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Katie,

I just wanted to update you that I heard back from DOER and they said they not oppose an extension of not more than 2 weeks to the original deadline.

Best,
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Katie,

Good afternoon. I am writing on behalf of IREC to request an extension for the response comments in the 20-75 docket. Currently the response comments to the EDC filings on their distribution system planning frameworks are due on May 7th. Since distribution system planning is a complex topic and we would like to be able to do a thorough analysis of the EDCs comments and provide the DPU with substantive input from our distribution system planning consultant, we believe it would be helpful to have more time to provide comments. I have connected with the following parties and they have all indicated strong support for an extension: Borrego Solar, NECEC and the Attorney General's Office. I have reached out to DOER but have not yet heard back.

I think an extension to May 28th would be most helpful.

I am happy to discuss by phone later this afternoon if that would be helpful.

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