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Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
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Re: *Notice of Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into procedures for enhancing public awareness of and participation in its proceedings, D.P.U. 21-50*

Dear Secretary Marini:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter please find the Office of the Attorney General's Motion to Amend the Procedural Schedule. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Scott Seigal, Hearing Officer
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**THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**

On July 25, 2023, the Hearing Officer issued a memorandum inviting interested parties to provide written comments by August 14, 2023, on matters discussed at the Department’s July 24, 2023, technical conference. The Office of the Attorney General (“AGO”) respectfully requests that the Department extend the comment deadline to August 25, 2023 for all participants.

Upon a showing of good cause, the Department may exercise its discretion to extend any time limit set forth in the Department’s procedural rules. 220 C.M.R. 1.02(5). Good cause exists here for additional time to file comments, due to the wide-ranging impacts, which may result from the technical session discussions. If granted, the requested extension will not unduly prejudice any party hereto and will not impede or unduly delay the Department’s ability to issue a decision in this proceeding.

The AGO has conferred with counsel for the Distribution Companies, the Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”), and several of the panelists who participated in the technical conference. To date, the AGO has not received any objections to its proposed request for additional time to file comments. Counsel for DOER, the Distribution Companies (Berkshire,

Eversource, Liberty, National Grid and Unitil), and the Environmental Defense Fund indicated affirmatively that they do not oppose the AGO's requested extension.

For these reasons, the AGO respectfully requests that the Department grant its Motion and allow an extension of the August 14, 2023 comment deadline to August 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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