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Clerk of the Public Utilities Commission
112 State Street
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Re: Case No. 23-2221-INV, Investigation into the Clean Heat Standard Default Delivery Agent Costs and Quantities
Comments due August 4, 2023

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Here are my comments as requested in the order opening the investigation.

We request comments from stakeholders and members of the public as to the scope and process to be followed in this proceeding.

Response. We must remember that the potential study conducted by the Department of Public Service is a part of this proceeding. (§ 8125(e)(1)(A)). That makes the Department's study subsidiary to and controlled by this proceeding.

There is much overlap between the duties of the Technical Advisory Group and the content of the Department of Public Service's potential study. This means that the Department and the Group need to closely co-ordinate their activities that relate to this proceeding.

In particular, we request comments on whether there are other matters from Act 18 that are appropriately addressed within the scope of this proceeding rather than in Case No. 23-2220-RULE, or perhaps another proceeding.

Response. The request for comments on the RULE proceeding asks about efficiency and transparency of using the RULE proceedings to centralize information. In that light, this proceeding should be limited to the statutory requirement of §8125(e)(1).

We also request comments on whether we should follow any contested-case-like procedures for this proceeding.

Response. "Contested-caselike-procedures" is jargon that I do not fully understand. And I do not know what alternative approaches are available.

As I pointed out, the Technical Advisory Group and the Department of Public Service need to closely co-ordinate their activities. Also this proceeding requires public participation. The Commission needs to use whichever approach is most compatible with those activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. I ask that you find these comments helpful and use them in shaping this proceeding.

Sincerely,
Thomas Weiss, P. E.