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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.

Docket DW 20-156 - Petition for Rate Increase

Staff Report on Technical Session with Proposed Docket Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

On January 27, 2021, a prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket. Following the prehearing conference, Staff, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), representatives of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU, or the Company), and petitioners for intervention met in a web-enabled technical session to discuss the Company's petition. Participants developed the following proposed schedule for the docket proceeding:

DW 20-156 PEU – Petition for Rate Increase		
Date	TEMPORARY RATE PROCEEDING	
2/23/21	Data Requests Issued to Petitioner – Set 1	
3/9/21	Petitioner Responses to Data Requests Due – Set 1	
3/23/21	Technical Session/Settlement Conference @ 9 a.m.	
3/24/21	Technical Session Data Requests Issued to Petitioner – Set TS-1	
4/2/21	Responses to Technical Session Data Requests Due – Set TS-1	
4/27/21	File Settlement Agreement (if applicable) on Temporary Rates	
5/10/21	Hearing on Temporary Rates @ 1:00 p.m.	

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Date	PERMANENT RATE PROCEEDING
6/15/21	Data Requests Issued to Petitioner – Set 2
6/29/21	Petitioner Responses to Data Requests Due – Set 2
7/13/21	Data Requests Issued to Petitioner – Set 3
7/27/21	Petitioner Responses to Data Requests Due – Set 3
8/10/21	Technical Session/Settlement Conference @ 9:00 a.m.
8/11/21	Technical Session Data Requests to Petitioner Issued
8/20/21	Responses to Technical Session Data Requests Due
	SETTLEMENT TRACK
9/21/21	File Settlement Agreement (if applicable)
9/29/21	Hearing on the Merits @ 10:00 a.m.
	LITIGATION TRACK
10/5/21	Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony Due
10/12/21	Data Requests Issued on Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony – Parties Set 1
10/19/21	Responses to Data Requests Due – Parties Set 1
11/2/21	Technical Session/Settlement Conference @ 9:00 a.m.
11/3/21	Technical Data Requests Issued – Set TS-2
11/12/21	Responses to Technical Session Data Requests Due – Set TS-2
12/7/21	File Settlement Agreement (if applicable) and/or Rebuttal Testimony
12/15/21	Hearing on Permanent Rates @ 10:00 a.m.

There have been 14 petitions to intervene filed in this docket to date, representing 10 ratepayers and four towns. The Company, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and all petitioners for intervention consent to the proposed schedule. No party has objected. On behalf of the parties to this docket, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the procedural schedule proposed above.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lynn Fabrizio

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