

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 20-156

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Permanent Rate Proceeding

ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO REVISE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

NOW COMES, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) pursuant to Puc 203.07, and hereby requests that the Commission approve the below proposed revised procedural schedule. In support of this request, PEU states as follows:

1. This adjudicative proceeding commenced on December 17, 2020, when the Commission suspended the taking effect of PEU's rate schedules and opened an investigation. Order No. 26,436. RSA 541-A:31 and RSA 378:6. To govern that investigation, on February 9, 2021, the Commission approved a procedural schedule. The parties have since been abiding by that schedule.

2. On September 2, 2021, PEU filed a financing petition with the Commission. The Commission docketed the filing as DW 21-129. On September 23, 2021, PEU filed a copy of that financing in this proceeding to inform the Commission of the intended relatedness of the financing docket to this rate proceeding.

3. In light of the potential change to PEU's rate filing caused by the financing and the time needed by parties to assess that change, PEU and the assenting parties request the Commission revise the procedural schedule as requested below. PEU and the assenting parties aver that the revisions will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding by affording later discovery and an additional settlement session. The schedule still preserves the hearing on the merits scheduled to take place on December 15, 2021.

	Existing Date	Proposed Date
Party Testimony	10/5/21	<u>10/26/21</u>
Data Requests Issued on Party Testimony	10/12/21	
Responses to Data Requests Due— Parties Set 1	10/19/21	
Technical/Settlement Session	11/2/21	<u>11/1/21</u>
Tech Session Data Requests on Party Testimony	11/3/21	11/3/21
Technical Session Data Responses Due	11/12/21	11/12/21
<u>Technical/Settlement Session (to be held virtually)</u>		<u>11/17/21, 8:00 AM</u>
File Settlement or Rebuttal Testimony	12/7/21	12/7/21
Hearing on Merits	12/15/21	12/15/21

4. PEU contacted all parties in this proceeding and requested their positions on this motion. The following parties assent to the relief requested: Department of Energy; Office of the Consumer Advocate; Town of Litchfield; Town of Londonderry; and Richard Husband. No parties expressed objection by the time of this instant filing.

WHEREFORE, PEU respectfully requests the Commission:

- A. Approve the proposed revised procedural schedule; and
- B. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing motion has been emailed this day to the docket-related service list.

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