

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 20-156

PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Extend Filing Deadline and Waive Puc 203.20

By procedural order dated October 14, 2021, the Commission approved the parties' proposed amended procedural schedule, which required the parties to file their settlement agreement by September 7, 2021, if a settlement regarding permanent rates was reached. A hearing on permanent rates is scheduled on December 15, 2021.

On December 7, 2021, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) filed a motion to waive New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.20 and to extend the December 7, 2021 deadline to December 9, 2021. In its motion, which was assented to by the Towns of Litchfield and Londonderry, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Richard Husband, PEU stated that the parties require additional time to finalize the terms of their settlement agreement. Although PEU represented that the New Hampshire Department of Energy did not object to its motion, the positions of the remaining parties are unknown. However, to the extent that Puc 203.07(e) provides 10 days for objections to motions, it is waived.

It has been determined that the standards for waiver contained in Puc 201.05 have been satisfied, so that Puc 203.20 is waived in this instance. Accordingly, PEU's motion to extend the December 7, 2021 deadline is GRANTED. The parties' settlement agreement shall be filed on or before Thursday, December 9, 2021.

In addition, the Commission directs PEU to provide a statement addressing whether the tax consequences of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, enacted in November of 2021, which reinstated an exemption from taxable income of

Contributions in Aid of Construction received by regulated water utilities, have been addressed during the litigation of this matter. See RSA 365:15. PEU shall file such a statement no later than December 10, 2021.

So ordered, this eighth day of December, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DANIEL C. GOLDNER", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel C. Goldner
Presiding Officer
Chairman

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