

**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DW 21-022

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.

Request for Approval of 2021 Qualified Capital Project Annual Adjustment Charge

MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Department of Energy (“Department”) hereby moves the Commission, pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.7, to amend the existing procedural schedule in DW 21-022, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (“PEU” or “Company”) requests for approval of its 2021 Qualified Capital Project Annual Adjustment Charge (“QCPAC”) to change the hearing date approved by the Commission in its Procedural Order dated January 19, 2022.

In support of its Motion, the Department states as follows:

1. PEU filed a petition for approval of its 2021 QCPAC on February 11, 2021.
2. The complete docket of this proceeding can be found at the Commission’s website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2021/21-022.html>.
3. A prehearing conference in this matter was held on July 14, 2021.
4. Following the prehearing conference, the Department filed a proposed procedural schedule on July 23, 2021.
5. The Commission approved the procedural schedule on September 15, 2021; however, that schedule did not include a date for the merits hearing.
6. On December 3, 2021, the Commission issued a procedural order directing parties to file a proposed schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, including a proposed hearing date.

7. On December 30, 2021, PEU filed a motion for approval of a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding and requested that a merits hearing be scheduled for March 15, 2022.
8. On January 19, 2022, the Commission issued a procedural order. The order stated that the Commission was not available on March 15, 2022, and scheduled a merits hearing for March 16, 2022.
9. The Department is not available on March 16, 2022, due to a long-standing commitment.
10. Because of this conflict, the Department consulted with PEU and agreed that both the Department and PEU, the only parties to this docket, are available for a merits hearing on March 21, 2022, or March 22, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that the Commission amend the existing procedural schedule in the instant proceeding by scheduling a merits hearing on either March 21, 2022 or March 22, 2022.

Respectfully,

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