STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 21-089

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses

Procedural Order Re: Deadline for Final Report

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for recovery of storm expenses in the above-captioned docket on April 30, 2021, in which it requested an audit of the costs of nine storm and pre-staging events occurring from October 2019 through May 2020. Since no further filings had been made, the Commission issued a procedural order on December 1, 2021 requiring the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) to either file the requested audit report or request additional time to investigate by January 11, 2022.

The DOE filed a motion on January 10, 2022 requesting an extension of the January 11 deadline, in which it noted that its audit report was expected to issue sometime around March 1, 2022. The Commission granted the DOE's request in a second procedural order dated January 14, 2022. In its order, the Commission stated that "[The DOE] shall complete its investigation and issue its final report, as well as notify the Commission whether further process and/or a hearing will be required, by Thursday, May 19, 2022." Other than a request to change the service list, the DOE has not submitted any additional filings.

The Commission is unable to make a determination regarding Eversource's request to recover storm expenses without the DOE's audit report and recommendation. *See* RSA 12-P:2, III. Additionally, failure to comply with Puc 202.04(c)(1), relating to extensions of DE 21-089 May 26, 2022 Page 2

time, raise the concern of undue delay and that the rights of another party, in this case the petitioning utility, may be adversely affected. In the absence of such filing by June 8, this matter will be administratively closed pending further action from the DOE.¹

So ordered, this twenty-sixth day of May, 2022.

Daniel C. Goldner Chairman

Pradip F Commissioner

Carleton B. Simpson Commissioner

^{1.} The Commission cannot take any further action or issue a final order, the docket will be tracked and reported accordingly.

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