

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
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September 14, 2021

Re: DE 21-119, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Proposed Tariff Amendments to Residential Time-of-Day Rate
Procedural Schedule and Intervention Request

To the Parties:

On August 25, 2021, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and the Department of Energy (Energy). Also appearing were Clean Energy NH (CENH) and the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter of participation, but did not attend the prehearing conference.

On September 1, 2021, CENH filed a petition to intervene. No objections to CENH's intervention request were filed. The petition to intervene filed by CENH is granted, based on a finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17.

Following the prehearing conference, Eversource, Energy, CENH, and DES agreed upon a proposed schedule, which Energy submitted to the Commission by letter dated August 30, 2021. On August 30, 2021, the OCA filed a letter stating that it was unable to agree to the procedural schedule proposed by Energy. It suggested that procedural schedules be established by the Commission during the prehearing conference.

The OCA's comments regarding the procedure for establishing procedural schedules in adjudicative proceedings have been noted. The Commission expressed no preference for a particular party to submit a proposed procedural schedule during the August 25, 2021 prehearing conference. Any party may propose a procedural schedule and is welcome to come to the prehearing conference prepared to discuss it. A jointly filed proposed procedural schedule is also appropriate for discussion at the prehearing conference. To the extent a proposed procedural schedule is jointly filed, it is up to the parties to agree which party shall make the filing on behalf of the group. As noted at the prehearing conference, if a scheduled hearing date creates a conflict for a party, the party may file an appropriate motion, with the supporting basis for the request, seeking to reschedule the hearing.

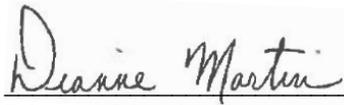
In this instance, although the OCA noted that the early proposed dates are problematic, it did not request an alternative schedule. As a result, taking into consideration the concerns raised by the OCA, the dates in the proposed schedule have been extended by

approximately two weeks. The following schedule has been determined to be in the public interest and, therefore, has been approved:

Data Requests (DRs) to Eversource, Set # 1	September 20, 2021
Data Responses from Eversource, Set # 1	October 4, 2021
DRs to Eversource, Set # 2	October 12, 2021
Data Responses from Eversource, Set # 2	October 26, 2021
Technical Session ¹	November 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
DRs to Eversource, Set # 3	December 15, 2021
Data Responses from Eversource, Set # 3	December 29, 2021
Technical Session	February 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Energy/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	March 18, 2022
DRs to Energy/OCA/Intervenors	April 1, 2022
Energy/OCA/Intervenors Responses to DRs	April 15, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	April 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Hearing	May 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

The May 3, 2022 hearing will be conducted in accordance with the attached evidentiary hybrid hearing guidelines. One day has been allotted for this hearing. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



Dianne Martin
Chairwoman

cc: Service List (Electronically)
Docket File

¹ Any technical session held in a Commission proceeding may potentially involve settlement discussions, which will be restricted to participation by parties only and must be treated as confidential and not disclosed, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.20(a).

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