

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 21-133

STATEWIDE LOW-INCOME ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2021-2022 Program Administrative Budgets

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Extend Filing Deadline and Record Requests

On August 11, 2022, the Commission held a hearing on Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's (Eversource) motion to extend the deadline for filing the report of the consultant retained to review and evaluate the Electric Assistance Program (EAP), written recommendations, and the EAP Advisory Board's recommendations from August 15, 2022 to October 3, 2022. At the hearing, the parties explained the circumstances surrounding the proposed delay in issuing the consultant's report, as well as the consequences of extending the deadline beyond the start of the 2022-2023 EAP program year. The parties explained that EAP program design changes can be made at any time during the program year regardless of when administrative budgets are considered and approved.

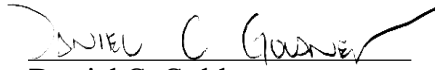
After hearing from the parties, the Commission finds that undue hardship or inconvenience would result unless the requested extension were granted, because the consultant would have insufficient data to make sound recommendations. In addition, the requested extension would not appear to affect the rights of any parties to this proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission has GRANTED the request to extend the filing deadline. See N.H. Admin. R., Puc 202.04(c). The Commission directs the parties to file the consultant's report, written recommendations, and the EAP Advisory Board's recommendations in the docket opened for consideration of the 2022-2023 Electric Assistance Program Budgets, Docket No. DE 22-043, on or before October 3, 2022.

Further, the Commission requests that the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) respond to the following record requests by filing written responses with the Commission in Docket No. DE 21-133 on or before August 29, 2022:

Record Requests to Department of Energy

1. Please update the monthly enrollment figures for the EAP program since January 2022.
2. What were the collections and expenditures on a monthly basis during the 2021-2022 EAP Program year?
3. What is the current reserve balance in the EAP account?
4. When will a DOE audit of the 2021-2022 EAP program be available?
5. Assuming the current EAP design remains in place and assuming enrollment levels equal to the 2021-2022 EAP program year please forecast the spenddown in the EAP account on a monthly basis through the coming 2022-2023 program year. Please explain all other assumptions in making these projections and feel free to use a range of assumptions if helpful.
6. Please suggest the most efficient method for giving the Commission monthly updates on a going forward basis for questions 1, 2 and 3 above.

So ordered, this eleventh day of August, 2022.


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