

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. DW 22-005
PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED CAPITAL PROJECT ADJUSTMENT
CHARGE

Motion for Approval of a Procedural Schedule

The Department of Energy hereby moves for approval of an assented-to procedural schedule for the above captioned docket. In support of this Motion, the Department states as follows.

1. On February 10, 2022, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU or Company) filed a petition for approval of a 2022 Qualified Capital Project Adjustment Charge (QCPAC), along with supporting testimony and related exhibits. The QCPAC recovers through rates the costs PEU incurs associated with the eligible capital projects undertaken by PEU in 2021 pursuant to Commission order. In Order No. 26,179 (October 4, 2018), the Commission approved the QCPAC recovery mechanism which established the QCPAC mechanism as a revenue requirement to recover the debt service and expenses associated with the Company's capital improvements on an annual basis, rather than waiting for recovery of these costs in a general rate case conducted every three years.
2. The Department intends to request the Department Audit Division to audit the costs proposed for recovery in the Company's petition, and to retain an engineer to review the relevant capital projects to determine whether such projects are prudent, and used and useful in the delivery of utility service. The Department expects that the result of this discovery and related work will lead to an agreement between the Department and PEU

designed to facilitate the Commission's review of this agreement in an expeditious matter without a hearing, as was the case in PEU's prior QCPAC proceeding, Docket No. DE 21-022.

3. Based on the foregoing, the Department has developed the following procedural. The Department reviewed the procedural schedule with PEU, and PEU agrees to this proposal.

August 17, 2022	First Set Data Requests to PEU
August 31, 2022	PEU Responses to First Set Data Requests
September 14, 2022	Second Set Data Requests to PEU
September 28, 2022	PEU Responses to Second Set Data Requests
October 12, 2022	Technical Session 10:00 a.m.
October 19, 2022	PEU Responses to Technical Session Data Requests
November 16, 2022	File Settlement with Commission

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that the approve the assented-to procedural schedule as set forth in this Motion.

Respectfully,

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Service List (Electronically)

