

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 22-060

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

**Consideration of Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure, Including
Compensation of Customer-Generators**

Procedural Order Re: Post-Hearing Briefing

The Commission held a two-day hearing in this docket on August 20 and 22, 2024. At the conclusion of the hearing, the parties agreed to file post-hearing briefing. See N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.32. Each party, either individually or together with another party or group of parties, shall file an initial brief consistent with this order and may submit a reply brief in response to any issues raised in another party's initial brief.

I. Scope

A. Initial Briefs

The Commission requests that the parties' briefs: (1) state all actions they request the Commission take in this docket; (2) explain how these requests are consistent with the Commission's obligations to set just and reasonable rates pursuant to RSA 374:2 and RSA 378:7, and any other legal obligations the Commission must follow; and (3) cite the evidence in the record supporting their requests and legal arguments. The parties may otherwise brief any other issues relevant to this docket, including whether the Commission should take administrative notice of testimony related to solar installations in prior dockets.

As discussed at the hearing, Public Service of Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy has recently disclosed in Docket No. DE 23-091 that it had more than 16,000 net-metered customers and that the twelve-month cost for the program is approximately \$36 million. The Commission does not yet know how much the other

electric utilities have paid out in net-metering credits. In setting net metering rates, the Commission is particularly interested in why rates that result in cost shifting between Eversource's net-metered and non-net-metered customers are just and reasonable.

B. Reply Briefs

Reply briefs shall be limited to responses to any issues raised in initial briefs.

II. Timeline

The deadline for initial briefs is October 4, 2024. The deadline for reply briefs is October 18, 2024.

At the hearing, the Commission noted that we did not have an in-person stenographer present at the hearing. The Commission is in the process of obtaining a written transcript from the recording of the hearing through a third-party vendor. The Commission anticipates that this transcript be completed and posted in the Commission's virtual file room by September 20, 2024. If the Commission is unable to post the transcript by this date, we will extend the briefing schedule to provide at least two weeks between the date the transcript is posted and the deadline for initial briefs.

III. Length

The initial and reply briefs shall not exceed twenty-pages in length. In addition, the parties may attach up to five pages of documents not already in the record to their initial briefs. The Commission notes, however, that we are not reopening the evidentiary record.

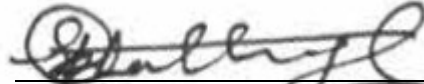
IV. Joint Briefs

Each party, either individually or together with another party or group of parties, shall file an initial brief and may file a reply brief as laid out above.

So ordered, this twenty-third day of August, 2024.



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