

**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: Canceling the Procedural Schedule for Phase I, Rescheduling  
the Prehearing Conference from January 6, 2025 to February 13, 2025, and  
Requesting CPCNH Procedural Schedule**

The Commission scheduled a prehearing conference for January 6, 2025 to review the issues noticed in the supplemental order of notice issued on November 18, 2024 and resolve pending scheduling and administrative issues. In the November 18 supplemental order of notice, the Commission established a three-phase process for resolving the noticed issues. Phase I included four issues that the Commission believed could be resolved on a relatively quick timeframe. As part of Phase I, the Commission issued a series of record requests to the electric distribution utilities and Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). The parties provided responses to the majority of the record requests on December 20, 2024, and will provide additional responses on or before January 21, 2025.

After reviewing the information that the utilities and CPCNH provided in their record requests on December 20, 2024, and the arguments made in several pending motions for rehearing, the Commission finds that Phase I can be merged with Phase II. With respect to the issues noticed as Issue A, B, and D, and as will be further explained in the Commission's order on the motions for rehearing, the Commission finds that the information that the electric distribution utilities provided in their responses to the record requests sufficiently resolved the Commission's questions of fact. With respect to the issue noticed as Issue C, related to the potential alteration of the compensation customer-

generators receive for renewable portfolio standard (RPS) compliance costs, the Commission finds that it would be more efficient to resolve this issue in Phase II together with the other issues raised by CPCNH. The Commission therefore CANCELS the procedural schedule outlined for Phase I in the supplemental order, except that the electric distribution utilities must still respond to the remaining record requests by January 21, 2025.

The Commission will proceed with Phase II, now including the RPS compliance cost and appropriate categorization of small versus large customers initially noticed in Phase I, and will also proceed with Phase III as planned. With respect to Phase II, the Commission requested in the supplemental order of notice that CPCNH file a procedural schedule by December 16, 2024, to resolve the issues in Phase II. As the Commission has not yet received the proposed schedule, the Commission requests that CPCNH file a proposed procedural schedule, including a discovery schedule, for the resolution of the issues noticed in Phase II, also including the Phase I issues moved to Phase II, highlighted above, by January 15, 2025, consistent with the requirements laid out on Page 6 of the supplemental order of notice. Any party may respond to CPCNH's proposed schedule by January 31, 2025.

With respect to Phase III, per the November 18, 2024, supplemental order of notice, the electric distribution utilities are required to submit a proposed outline for Phase III by January 15, 2025, which any party may respond to by January 31, 2025.


In light of the changes the Commission has made to the schedule, the Commission CANCELS the prehearing conference currently scheduled for January 6, 2025. In its place, the Commission will reschedule the prehearing conference for February 13, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., which the Commission had reserved for a potential hearing on the issues noticed in Phase I. At this prehearing conference, the Commission will refine the issues noticed in


Phases II and III and review the electric distribution utilities' and CPCNH's respective filings.

In sum, the Commission:

- (1) CANCELS the procedural schedule for Phase I, except that the electric distribution utilities must still respond to the remaining record requests issued by the Commission by January 21, 2025;
- (2) CANCELS the prehearing conference scheduled for January 6, 2025, and reschedules the prehearing conference to February 13, 2025; and
- (3) REQUESTS that CPCNH file a procedural schedule for the resolution of all issues noticed in Phase II and remaining Phase I issues by January 15, 2025.

So ordered, this third day of January, 2025.

  
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