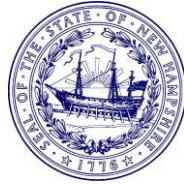


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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DE 24-070 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Request for Change in Distribution Rates; *Request for Remote Participation*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Hearing Guidelines issued on June 28, 2024, in the above-captioned matter, the Department of Energy (Department) submits this request that Nicholas Crowley, Dan McLeod, Sherry Wang, and Michael Clark of Christensen Associates be permitted to participate remotely in the Pre-Hearing Technical Conferences scheduled in this matter for October 2, 3, 8, and 9, 2024. In addition, the Department makes the same request for Donna Mullinax of Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc.

These sessions are designated for reviewing Eversource's performance-based rates (PBR) proposal. Christensen Associates is under contract with the Department to review PBR issues in this docket. Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. is under contract to review revenue requirement issues in this case which are directly impacted by Eversource's PBR proposal.

Mr. Crowley, Mr. McLeod, Ms. Wang, and Mr. Clark are located in Madison, Wisconsin. Ms. Mullinax is located in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. Traveling to New Hampshire to attend these technical sessions would be time consuming and expensive. This time and expense could be avoided by remote participation. The Department therefore requests that they be allowed to participate remotely.

The Hearing Guidelines require that requests for remote participation be made 15 days prior to the hearing at issue. The Department files this request under the assumption that the requirements for remote participation in hearings also apply to Commissioner attended technical sessions. This request is made 14 days prior to the first PBR technical session and 15 days or more from the second, third and fourth sessions. The Department respectfully requests that this request be consider timely for all four sessions.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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