

Before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

DOCKET NO. DE 24-070

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Request for Change in Distribution Rates

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH” or the “Company”) hereby submits, pursuant to Puc 203.07(b) this motion to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for an extension of time of the current deadline to file rebuttal testimony, Friday, March 7, 2025, by one business day to Monday, March 10, 2025. In support of this motion, the Company provides the following:

1. The original agreed-upon procedural schedule approved by the Commission had a deadline for intervenor testimony on January 24, 2025, with settlement negotiations to begin Monday February 3, and both any settlement agreement and Company rebuttal testimony due on February 18.
2. The Company had allocated resources some time ago when the procedural schedule was approved to drafting rebuttal testimony between January 24 and February 18. The Company’s staff and consultants consequently had filled in their schedules after February 18 with other commitments not anticipating the need to review additional testimony and draft rebuttal testimony after February 18.
3. The Department of Energy (“DOE” or “Department”) filed considerable late testimony on February 10, 2025. During the time between the original testimony due date of January 24 and February 10, the Department refused to engage in settlement negotiations, effectively pushing out settlement discussions by a full week. Additionally, the Commission held oral

arguments to address several pending pleadings in this docket including the Department's motion for the Commission to accept the late-filed testimony, which did not take place until Tuesday February 18 and Thursday February 20. The Commission accepted the Department's late-filed testimony in a ruling from the bench on February 18. The Commission also accepted the Company's proposal to extend the deadline for rebuttal testimony until at least March 7, 2025.

4. While Company staff and consultants have made best efforts to accomplish as much as possible both during the original window for drafting rebuttal testimony and since that time to analyze DOE's late-filed testimony and prepare rebuttal testimony, the combination of delayed of settlement negotiations, oral arguments, and competing obligations resulting from the changes in the procedural schedule has impacted the Company's progress substantially enough that it seems unlikely that the Company will be able to meet the Friday March 7 rebuttal submission deadline. The Company's intention when it proposed the March 7 deadline to the Commission was to further alter the schedule as little as possible so that the parties to the docket would be minimally affected by the new rebuttal submission deadline, and March 7 was the best estimate of a feasible date by which to accomplish that objective.
5. Unfortunately, the cumulative impact of the factors described above is proving that March 7 is not a realistic timeframe within which to complete all the rebuttal necessary for the Company to have an adequate opportunity to make its case. But to be mindful of the possible impact to parties to this docket, the Company respectfully seeks the smallest extension possible—just one business day—to afford the Company adequate opportunity to put forward its case.

6. PSNH contacted the parties to this docket to poll which parties assent to this motion. The Department of Energy; NECTA; New Hampshire Legal Assistance o/b/o Mary Ellen O'Brien Kramer; the Office of the Consumer Advocate; Conservation Law Foundation; AARP; Clean Energy New Hampshire; CPCNH; and Walmart all assent. LCC did not respond, but due to the time sensitivity of this request the Company did not want to delay this filing.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that this Commission:

- A. Extend the due date for submitting PSNH rebuttal testimony one business day to Monday March 10, 2025; and
- B. Grant such further relief the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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d/b/a Eversource Energy

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify, pursuant to Puc 203.06(b)(2) that on March 5, 2025, a copy of this Motion has been forwarded to the service list for docket DE 24-070.



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