

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 24-112

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**Petition for Adjustment of Stranded Cost Recovery Charge for
Effect on February 1, 2025**

Procedural Order Re: Sequence of Hearing for Energy Service Reconciliation Matters

The Commission issues this ruling in response to the joint motion for rehearing filed by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), the NRG Retail Companies¹, and Colonial Power Group, Inc. (Colonial) in this instant docket on January 13, 2025, and subsequent related pleadings, specifically, the NRG Retail Companies' position statement filed on January 15, 2025; the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) "Preliminary Position Statement" filed on January 15, 2025; the Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) position statement filed on January 16, 2025; and the DOE "Position on Procedural Questions" also filed on January 16, 2025.


In summary, as most succinctly described in the Eversource January 16 position statement, there appears to be a consensus among most parties to this Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC) proceeding that an adjudication of the potential inclusion of the Energy Service Rate Reconciliation Adjustment Factor for collection through the SCRC, as proposed by Eversource, may be appropriately adjudicated in a later phase of this proceeding beyond the January 21, 2025 hearing scheduled for this docket, and the


¹ The NRG Retail Companies filing the motion for intervention are: Direct Energy Services LLC; Direct Energy Business LLC d/b/a NRG Business; NRG Business Marketing, LLC (f/k/a Direct Energy Business Marketing LLC), Reliant Energy Northeast LLC d/b/a NRG Home, and XOOM Energy New Hampshire; it is presumed that these various entities are under common ownership and/or control.


February 1, 2025 effective date of the proposed Eversource SCRC rates. Furthermore, as indicated by Eversource with the support of CPCNH, the NRG Retail Companies, and the DOE, and the non-objection of the Retail Energy Supply Association and Colonial, in the January 16 Eversource position statement, that “[i]t may not even be necessary to have a prehearing conference regarding the [Energy Service Reconciliation] issue, if the parties can agree on a procedural schedule for adjudication of the [Energy Service Reconciliation] Proposal and submit that consensus schedule for Commission approval.” Eversource January 16 Position Statement at 1.

In light of these representations, the Commission makes the following rulings. The January 21 hearing for adjudication of the Eversource SCRC rate proposals shall be HELD as scheduled, with the proviso that all matters related to the Eversource Energy Service Rate Reconciliation Adjustment Factor proposal shall be adjudicated in a later phase of this proceeding, with a continued hearing date for this issue expected to be in late March. (The DOE has suggested March 19 for this hearing). Furthermore, the Commission has the expectation that Eversource will maintain the \$6.87 million Energy Service reconciliation under-collection initially proposed for collection through the SCRC as of February 1, 2025 in a deferral account pending the outcome of this litigation. Eversource will also be expected to submit a re-calculation of its SCRC rates, excluding the \$6.87 million Energy Service under-collection, promptly following the January 21 hearing, with the Commission issuing an order on a *nisi* basis approving these recalculated rates with an effective date of February 1, 2025. The Commission will also inquire of the parties at the January 21 hearing regarding a workable deadline for the parties’ submission of an assented-to procedural schedule proposal for the Energy Service Rate Reconciliation Adjustment Factor phase of this proceeding, with a goal of a final order on this matter being issued by April 1, 2025.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of January, 2025.


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