

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 20-161

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

2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Adjust Procedural Schedule

On October 5, 2022, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a motion requesting that the Commission continue the hearings presently scheduled on October 18 and October 19, 2022, so that it could file a supplement to its 2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP), and the other parties would have time to review it. It noted that the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), in its direct testimony, recommended that Eversource file a supplement to its 2020 LCIRP. Eversource proposed filing a revised procedural schedule that would include an additional technical session for review of the supplemental filing and new hearing dates.

Eversource represented that the DOE and Clean Energy New Hampshire did not object to its motion, but the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) did object. In its response filed on October 6, 2022, the OCA stated that, although it did not object to rescheduling the October 18 and October 19 hearing dates, it did object to continuing the hearings so that the parties can review Eversource's supplement its 2020 LCIRP. The OCA argued that Eversource, and public utilities generally, should not be able to supplement an initial LCIRP filing.


The OCA did not cite any legal authority to support its argument that LCIRPs may not be supplemented or revised prior to the Commission's final review, nor do RSA 378:38, *et seq.* contain any provisions prohibiting utilities from supplementing or revising their


LCIRPs once filed. The Commission has previously permitted utilities to supplement or revise their LCIRPs: *see, e.g.*, Docket Nos. DE 07-108 (Order No. 24,945 (February 27, 2009) (Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) supplemented LCIRP)); DE 04-072 (Order No. 24,695 (November 8, 2006) (PSNH revised LCIRP)); DR 94-063 (Order No. 21,609 (April 11, 1995) (Granite State Electric Company supplemented LCIRP)).

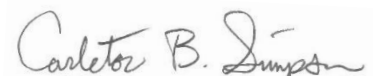
Eversource, in fact, previously supplemented its LCIRP in this docket on March 31, 2021.

After reviewing Eversource's motion and the OCA's response, the Commission GRANTS Eversource's motion to adjust the procedural schedule. Accordingly, the hearings scheduled on October 18 and October 19, 2022, are CANCELLED. Eversource shall submit its supplemental filing on or before October 18, 2022 and shall file a proposed revised procedural schedule no later than October 28, 2022. In light of this order, the request for remote participation filed by the DOE on September 29, 2022, is moot. We also waive the 10-day objection period of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e) pursuant to Puc 201.05 as they pertain to Eversource's motion, as the waiver serves the public interest, and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission.

So ordered, this seventh day of October, 2022.


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