

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 20-170

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates

Procedural Order Re: DOE's Motion for Remote Participation


The Commission scheduled an in-person hearing in this docket for January 31, 2023. On January 27, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) filed a late request for remote participation by Sanem I. Sergici of the Brattle Group, Inc. In its motion, the DOE stated that it does not intend to sponsor Ms. Sergici as a witness and that she has not submitted pre-filed testimony for the January 31, 2023 hearing. Nevertheless, the DOE represented that Ms. Sergici has participated in this docket in the past and has expertise on the subject matter of the hearing that could be helpful to the Commission during the hearing, if it becomes necessary. The DOE further represented that Ms. Sergici is based out of Louisiana, and that it is not feasible for her to appear in person given the time and expense of traveling to New Hampshire. The DOE did not represent that any other party had assented to this motion.

Given the limited time remaining before the January 31, 2023 hearing, the Commission waives the 10-day objection period under New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e). *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05. Ms. Sergici testified in this docket in an earlier hearing and would be an excellent resource on the issues before the Commission at the January 31, 2023 hearing. The Commission believes her participation would therefore be helpful and finds that the DOE has provided good reason for Ms. Sergici to appear remotely on January 31, 2023. Therefore, the DOE's motion for remote participation is GRANTED, and a hybrid hearing format will be used for the

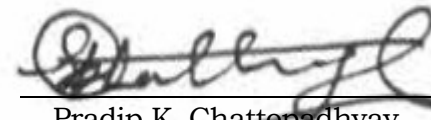
January 31, 2023 hearing to accommodate Ms. Sergici only. The filing of a separate request will be required for any other parties or witnesses wishing to appear remotely.

Prior to closing, the Commission notes that the DOE filed this motion well after the deadline for requests for remote participation. *See* November 22, 2022 Hearing Guidelines (noting that requests for remote participation must be filed at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing). The DOE has not provided any reason why it could not have filed this motion in a timely manner. In the future, parties should make every effort to comply with the Commission's deadlines in order to provide adequate time for other parties to respond to, and for the Commission to rule on, pending motions.

So ordered, this twenty-seventh day of January, 2023.



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