

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 21-104

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Cancel March 28, 2022 Hearing

The Commission scheduled a hearing on March 3, 2022 so that it could, among other things, receive evidence and obtain an update on the proceedings. Procedural Order dated October 13, 2022. The March 3 hearing was rescheduled to Monday, March 28, 2022 by Procedural Order dated February 24, 2022. On March 21, 2022, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a motion to cancel the March 28, 2022 hearing, to which no objection has been filed.

Given the limited amount of time remaining before March 28 hearing, the 10-day period for objections contained in New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e) has been waived. The March 28, 2022 hearing is CANCELED, but a status conference may be scheduled in April or May 2022 following the Commission's review of Northern Utilities, Inc.'s (Northern or the Company) responses to the following record requests:


1. For each of the years 2010 to 2021, inclusive, please provide the number of customers, net capital, and the total load. Also provide by customer class.
2. Please provide a summary of last three rate cases (DG 11-069, DG 13-086, DG 17-070) and compare them with the current one. Please provide the following in Excel format:
 - a. Plant in service (filing and approved)
 - b. Accumulated depreciation (filing and approved)
 - c. Total Revenue requirement (filing and approved)
 - d. Operating revenue (filing and approved)
 - e. Operating expenses (filing and approved)
 - f. Test year number of customers by class

- g. Plant additions (between three rate cases) growth, non-growth (in each category -mandated/regulatory/reliability/maintenance etc.)
 - h. Rate base, Return on Equity, Return of Debt, WACC for each test year (filing and approved)
3. Provide the next 5 years' forecasted capital expenditure projections by growth and non-growth (mandated/regulatory/reliability/maintenance etc.).
4. Please provide updated revenue requirement (CGDN 1-7), and rate design schedules (RAJT 1-17) in unlocked excel format.
5. Please compare and contrast the rate plan (CGDN-2) with UES (DE 21-030) step increase model. Please explain the differences with supporting analysis/work papers.
6. Please provide a copy of any Department of Energy Audit Reports for audits done on the current rate case filing.
7. Please explain how the proposed capital expenditures are consistent with, and also how they differ from the Company's most recent approved Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan.
8. Please describe the Company's schedule of inspections of utility plant and describe in detail the process for determining when plant needs to be upgraded.
9. Has the Company reviewed its cost of debt and evaluated refinancing of existing debt or new debt? What was the result of the evaluation?
10. Please propose a plan that minimizes adjustments between rate cases and minimizes dockets to review interim adjustments

Responses to these record requests are due by the close of business on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Accordingly, the OCA's motion to cancel the March 28, 2022 hearing is GRANTED, and Northern's second request for a hybrid hearing format filed on March 21, 2022 is MOOT.

So ordered, this twenty-third day of March, 2022.


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Presiding Officer
Chairman

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