STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 22-030

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

Petition for Third Step Adjustment

Procedural Order Re: Final Hearing

In the order of notice issued on June 9, 2022, the Commission scheduled a threehour hearing on Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource's (Eversource, or the Company) petition for a third step adjustment. The Commission issued a procedural order on July 7, 2022, rescheduling the hearing to Tuesday, September 13, 2022. On September 6, 2022, one week prior to the hearing, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) notified the Commission by letter that the three hours allotted for the hearing would be insufficient. Eversource responded on September 7, 2022, stating that it agreed that three hours would be insufficient, because it intends to cross-examine a DOE witness, Jay Dudley, who did not submit pre-filed testimony. Eversource indicated that it reserved its right to request a written transcript of Mr. Dudley's direct oral testimony before proceeding with cross-examination of Mr. Dudley. Neither the DOE nor Eversource stated how much additional time would be required for the hearing in this matter.

The September 13 hearing is hereby CANCELLED, and a hearing is scheduled on <u>Tuesday, September 20, 2022</u>, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. For an efficient hearing, the Commission requests that the DOE provide a list of any recommended disallowances by 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 16. During the hearing, Mr. Dudley will be permitted to testify, and Eversource will be permitted to cross-examine him. DE 22-030 September 9, 2022 Page 2

The Commission requests that, in future, parties notify it as soon as possible how much additional time will be needed for a hearing, so that the Commission can accommodate the other matters which must be scheduled on its hearings calendar. Furthermore, we take note of the Company's indication that it may require a written transcript of Mr. Dudley's direct testimony in advance of cross-examination of Mr. Dudley. The Commission must alert the Company that if this is required it is likely that any rate change will go into effect after the October 1, 2022, requested effective date.

So ordered, this ninth day of September, 2022.

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