

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IR 22-042

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

Investigation of Energy Efficiency Planning, Programming, and Evaluation

Procedural Order re: Motion for Deadline Extension

On November 22, 2022, the Joint Utilities¹ filed a motion to extend a November 30, 2022, deadline for responses to record requests contained in two procedural orders: a Procedural Order dated November 1, 2022 (Tab 43), and a Procedural Order dated November 4, 2022 (Tab 45). The requested extension would apply to requests I-1, II-1, VI-2, VII-2, and VII-4 of the November 1 procedural order and all requests contained in the November 4 procedural order. The reporting requirements pertain to reporting requirement submissions received on August 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022 per Order No. 26,621 (April 29, 2022).


The Joint Utilities request that the deadline be extended until January 9, 2023. Pursuant to Puc 202.04(c), the Commission examines whether the party making an extension request has demonstrated that circumstances would cause undue hardship or inconvenience, and whether the extension would unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. As this is an investigative proceeding, the rights of parties will not be adversely affected.

¹ Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and Northern Utilities, Inc.

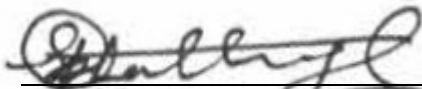
The Commission accepts the Joint Utilities' assertion of hardship or inconvenience based on their role in developing the 2024–2026 triennial energy efficiency plan and the complexity of the request. The Commission also wishes to avoid delay, recognizing the importance of concluding this investigation as soon as possible and well in advance of the Joint Utilities' filing of the 2024–2026 triennial energy efficiency plan.

Based on these factors, we grant the Joint Utilities' request in part, extending the reporting deadline for the identified requests to December 16, 2022. To provide the Joint Utilities additional time, the Commission attended technical session tentatively scheduled for December 6, 2022 is cancelled. See Procedural Order dated November 1, 2022 at 1 (Tab 43). If, in the opinion of the Commissioners, additional discussion and clarification of the Joint Petitioners responses are warranted, then a Commission attended technical session will be held on January 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Three hours have been reserved.

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



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