

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IR 22-076

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

**Investigation of Whether Current Tariffs and Programs are Sufficient to Support
Demand Response and Electric Vehicle Charging Programs**

Procedural Order Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule

On February 17, 2023, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), with the assent of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES), the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Clean Energy New Hampshire, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, and Fermata Energy, filed a letter requesting that the Commission approve a procedural schedule with deadlines for initial, reply, and final comments. Eversource did not propose specific dates for these deadlines, but instead requested that the Commission set the deadline for initial comments four weeks after the date of this procedural order and set the respective deadlines for reply and final comments at successive six-week intervals after that date. In addition, Eversource requested that the Commission reschedule the status conference on April 26, 2023 to a date in June 2023 after the deadline for final comments has passed.

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), with the assent of the DES, also filed a request regarding a procedural schedule on February 17, 2023. In its request, the DOE asked that the Commission require the electric utilities to file, on or before April 1, 2023, their opinions on whether the standards in the Federal Jobs Act for demand response have been met, and provide a summary of all relevant demand response programs and dockets at that time. The DOE also requested that the Commission retain the scheduled April 26, 2023 status conference to address questions and concerns about

the utilities' comments on this issue. The DOE otherwise did not object to Eversource's proposed procedural schedule.

Given the need to approve this schedule in a timely manner to accommodate the comment deadlines and June conference date, 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. Furthermore, the Commission finds that Eversource's proposed procedural schedule is in the public interest and therefore approves it.

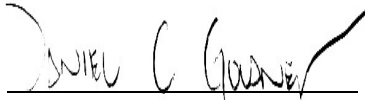
Consistent with Eversource's request, the status conference currently scheduled for April 26, 2023 is cancelled, and the Commission approves the following procedural schedule:

Initial Comments from all participants	March 21, 2023
Reply Comments from all participants	May 2, 2023
Final Comments from all participants	June 13, 2023
Status Conference	June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

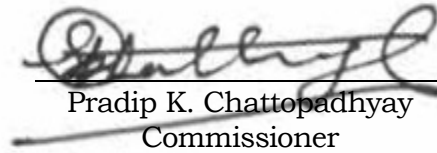
The June 15, 2023 status conference will be conducted in person, in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on November 15, 2022. Three hours are allotted for this conference. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

Finally, the Commission denies the DOE's requests for a separate deadline for the utilities to submit comments on standards for demand response under the Federal Jobs Act and to retain the April 26, 2023 status conference to address these comments. The Commission asks, however, that the utilities address the issue raised by the DOE during the comment period approved in this procedural order. The Commission will address these comments at the June 15, 2023 status conference.

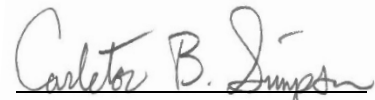
So ordered, this twenty-first day of February, 2023.



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