

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-004

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

Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program

Procedural Order Re: Hearing Allotment and Designation of Examiner


On July 18 and August 7, 2023, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) updated the Commission on the status of this matter and requested modification to the approved procedural schedule to accommodate further settlement discussions, noting that settlement appeared likely. The Commission granted those requests to modify the procedural schedule in procedural orders dated July 20 and August 9, respectively. Those procedural orders retained the previously scheduled hearing on the litigation track on September 20, 2023, which was scheduled to be a one-day hearing. In a separate docket addressing a separate electric distribution utility's proposed purchase of receivables program (Docket No. DE 23-002), on August 28, 2023, Unitil Energy Systems Inc. requested a hearing on a settlement agreement be scheduled on September 20, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The Commission notes that the initial procedural schedule in this matter requested a three-hour hearing for the settlement track, not a full day. Whereas Eversource notified the Commission that a settlement agreement appeared likely, and to accommodate the hearing requested in Docket No. DE 23-002, the Commission clarifies that the scheduled hearing on September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. will go forward, but that only three hours shall be allotted for it. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission as soon as is practicable. The hearing will be conducted in person and in accordance with the previously issued hearing guidelines.

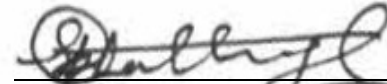
We also assign a member of the Commission's staff to hear the parties, report the facts, and make recommendations in this matter pursuant to RSA 363:17. Attorney Eric Wind, a Senior Advisor to the Commission, is assigned to serve as examiner for the hearing on September 20, 2023, report the facts, and draft a recommended final order. Any party may request that this hearing be held "by the full commission, or a majority thereof" so long as that request is made 5 days before the date of the hearing. RSA 363:17.

Mr. Wind's report and recommended order shall be filed into the docket. Following this filing, the parties shall have 10 calendar days to file comments or exceptions to the report and recommended order. Sur-replies are not anticipated, however if any party or parties desire to make such a filing, a notice of intent within 2 business days of the deadline for comments or exceptions shall be required, and all filings shall be due a total of 10 calendar days after the initial comments and exceptions filing deadline.

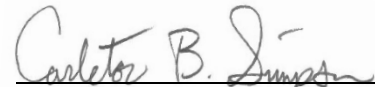
So ordered, this first day of September, 2023.



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