STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 23-063

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY, LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY, AND UNITIL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Petition for Waiver of Certain Provisions of the Puc 2200 Rules and Request to Recover Costs of Implementing the Puc 2200 Rules

Initial Prehearing Order Re: Intervention Requests and Procedural Schedule Proposal

A prehearing conference in this matter was held on August 17, 2023. This initial prehearing order memorializes the Commission's rulings on intervention petitions and the deadline established for the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule.

Interventions

At the prehearing conference no objections or comments on any pending motions to intervene were raised. The Commission granted the intervention petitions of Colonial Power Group, the Conservation Law Foundation, and the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire pursuant to Puc 203.17 and RSA 541A:32, II, upon finding that intervention would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

Deadline for the Parties to Propose a Procedural Schedule Including Briefing and Reply Briefing of Matters Raised at the Prehearing Conference

At the prehearing conference the parties indicated that advance discussions regarding a proposed procedural schedule took place, and that they intended to discuss the matter further in a technical session to follow the prehearing conference. The Commission set a deadline of two weeks, or <u>August 31, 2023</u>, for the parties to propose a procedural schedule for consideration by the Commission.

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In addition, whereas the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire outlined an offer of settlement at the prehearing conference pursuant to Puc 203.15(c)(1) and RSA 541-A:31, V(c)(1), the Commission afforded the parties an opportunity to file briefs and reply briefs on matters raised during the prehearing conference. As such, the Commission requests that the parties include deadlines for briefs and reply briefs on matters raised during the prehearing conference.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of August, 2023.

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