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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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February 9, 2021

Re: DW 20-156, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On January 27, 2021, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and Commission Staff (Staff). The Commission took under advisement the petitions to intervene filed by the Towns of Londonderry, Litchfield, Pelham and Hooksett, Richard Lascelles, Richard Husband, Nicole Fordey, Ralph Boehm, Mark Vandendyke, Christopher Burns, Andrew Myers, Marc Cloutier, Robert Corcoran, and Thomas Boutilier.

Following the prehearing conference, PEU, the OCA, petitioners for intervention, and Staff met in a remote technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated February 2, 2021:

Temporary Rate Proceeding

Data Requests (DRs) issued to PEU – Set 1	February 23, 2021
PEU Responses to DRs Due – Set 1	March 9, 2021
Technical Session ¹ /Settlement Conference	March 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Technical Session DRs Issued to PEU – Set TS-1	March 24, 2021
Responses to Technical Session DRs Due – Set TS-1	April 2, 2021
File Settlement Agreement (if applicable) on Temporary Rates	April 27, 2021
Hearing on Temporary Rates	May 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Permanent Rate Proceeding

DRs Issued to PEU – Set 2	June 15, 2021
PEU Responses to DRs Due – Set 2	June 29, 2021
DRs Issued to PEU – Set 3	July 13, 2021

¹ Any technical session held in a Commission proceeding may potentially involve settlement discussions, which will be restricted to participation by parties only and must be treated as confidential and not disclosed, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.20(a).

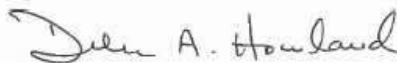
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PEU Responses to DRs Due – Set 3	July 27, 2021
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	August 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Technical Session DRs to PEU Issued	August 11, 2021
Responses to Technical Session DRs Due	August 20, 2021
<u>Settlement Track</u>	
File Settlement Agreement (if applicable)	September 21, 2021
Hearing on the Merits	September 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
<u>Litigation Track</u>	
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony Due	October 5, 2021
DRs Issued on Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony – Parties Set 1	October 12, 2021
Responses to DRs Due – Parties Set 1	October 19, 2021
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	November 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Technical DRs Issued – Set TS-2	November 3, 2021
Responses to Technical Session DRs Due – Set TS-2	November 12, 2021
File Settlement Agreement (if applicable) and/or Rebuttal Testimony	December 7, 2021
Hearing on Permanent Rates	December 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Staff affirmed that all petitioners for intervention have agreed to the foregoing procedural schedule.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its prehearing order.

Sincerely,



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