

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Electric Utility Customers
Docket No. DE 12-097

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH” or the “Company”) hereby submits, pursuant to Puc 202.04 and 203.07, a motion for an extension of the procedural schedule in the above-referenced docket. The basis for this motion is the need for additional time to submit testimony in light of the dedication of legal and regulatory resources to addressing matters relating to the suspension of PNE Energy Supply, LLC (“PNE”) by the Independent System Operator – New England (“ISO-NE”), and intervening storm events. PSNH is requesting an extension of two weeks to file testimony, and, consequently, for the remainder of the procedural schedule in the docket to be adjusted to accommodate the new filing date. In support of its motion, PSNH says the following:

1. Through the Commission’s May 3, 2012 Order of Notice PSNH was made a mandatory party to this docket. On February 12, 2013, the Commission issued a secretarial letter approving a procedural schedule in the docket calling for the filing of testimony by Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate and any intervenors, including PSNH, by March 1, 2013.

2. On February 14, 2013, ISO-NE notified PSNH that “Company PNE Energy Supply LLC (51393) has been suspended effective immediately. The customer has waived their possibility to cure.” ISO-NE directed PSNH to retire PNE’s load asset not later than 00:01, Wednesday, February 20, 2013 (3 business days following the date of PNE’s suspension). Consistent with ISO-NE rules, approximately 7,300 customer accounts served by PNE were

required to be transferred to PSNH between normal meter-read dates, and over a three-day holiday weekend. Attending to matters relating to PNE's financial default, including the migration of some customers to another supplier, the transfer of the remaining customers to PSNH, and addressing the legal and regulatory issues associated with this unprecedented event has absorbed substantial time of PSNH's legal and regulatory staff. On information and belief, the Staff of the Commission has also been required to dedicate substantial resources to this matter.

3. Further, New Hampshire experienced a storm event over the weekend of February 23-24 and is expecting another winter storm beginning Wednesday, February 27 and continuing through Thursday, February 28. The National Weather Service has issued a "winter storm warning" in effect from 0700 Wednesday through 1300 Thursday covering most of New Hampshire, warning of heavy, wet snow in the range of 8 – 12 inches. Members of PSNH's regulatory and legal teams all have storm assignments which also may preclude their ability to meet the existing procedural schedule, depending upon the severity of the upcoming winter storm.

4. As a result of the above matters, and with acknowledgement that the Commission only recently approved the present procedural schedule, PSNH requests a two week extension of the procedural schedule to permit more time to prepare and file testimony. Consistent with Puc 202.04, PSNH made a good faith attempt to gain the consent of the other parties to the docket and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp., North American Power and Gas, LLC, and Commission Staff, have consented to the request.

WHEREFORE, PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission:

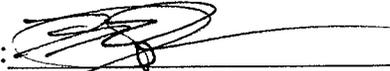
- A. Grant a two week extension for the filing of testimony in this docket;
- B. Modify the remainder of the procedural schedule to accommodate the delay in filing testimony; and
- C. Grant such other relief as may be just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

2/26/13

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached Motion to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

2/26/13

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