

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 19-057**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURC ENERGY**

**Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules**

**Order Nisi Granting Request to Modify Order No. 26,433**

**ORDER NO. 26,464**

**March 26, 2021**

In this order, the Commission grants Eversource's request to modify Order No. 26,433, revising the deadline for submission of a distribution infrastructure condition assessment report and results of a customer survey to May 31, 2021, and April 30, 2021, respectively. This order is being issued on a *nisi* basis to ensure that interested persons receive notice of the Commission's determination and have the opportunity to comment or request a hearing prior to the order taking effect.

**I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company) filed a Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules on March 22, 2019. On October 9, 2020, Eversource filed a Settlement Agreement that contained a provision requiring Eversource to hire an engineering firm to perform a condition assessment of the PSNH distribution infrastructure, and conduct a customer survey. The results were to be reported to the Commission by March 31, 2021. Settlement at 24. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement in Order. No. 26,433 (December 15, 2020).

On February 4, 2021, Eversource filed a partially assented-to request to modify the

deadline for the engineering assessment from March 31, 2021, to May 31, 2021.<sup>1</sup> In support of its request, Eversource stated that extending the submission deadline would avoid unnecessarily excluding proposals from several contractors who indicated an inability to complete the work by March 31, 2021. Eversource supplemented its initial request on February 5, 2021, noting that additional parties assent to the request.<sup>2</sup>

On March 15, 2021, Eversource filed a request to modify the deadline for filing its customer survey results from March 31, 2021, to April 30, 2021. In support of its request, Eversource stated that the extension would allow a neutral third party to develop and deliver the survey. Eversource indicated Staff's support for such a process.

The Eversource requests and other docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-057.html>.

## II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

Under RSA 365:28, the Commission has the authority to alter, amend, or otherwise modify any order made by it. We find that there is good reason to extend the deadline for filing the distribution infrastructure condition assessment report to May 31, 2021. That extension will avoid the exclusion of several contractors from consideration. We also find that there is good reason to extend the deadline for filing results of the customer survey to April 30, 2021. That extension will allow a neutral third party to develop and deliver the survey. We issue our decision on a *nisi* basis to provide any interested person the opportunity to submit comments or request a hearing before this order goes into effect.

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<sup>1</sup> Eversource indicated the assent of Clean Energy New Hampshire, Chargepoint, and Wal-Mart to the request.

<sup>2</sup> Eversource indicated the assent of AARP and The Way Home to the request.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that Eversource's request to modify Order No. 26,433, revising the deadline for submission of the distribution infrastructure condition assessment report from March 31, 2021, to May 31, 2021, is granted; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Eversource's request to modify Order No. 26,433, revising the deadline for submission of the results of its customer survey from March 31, 2021, to April 30, 2021, is granted; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Eversource shall publish a copy of this order *nisi* on its website within one business day of this order, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 29, 2021; and it is

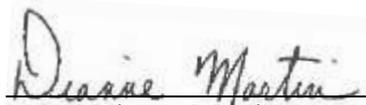
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Executive Director of the Commission shall cause a copy of this order *nisi* to be published on the Commission's website within one business day; and it is

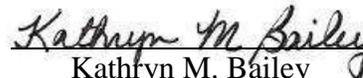
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that persons interested in responding to this order be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing that states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than 1:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021, for the Commission's consideration; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than 1:00 p.m. on April 1, 2021; and it is

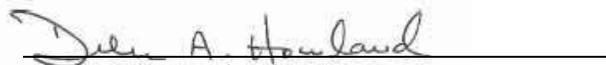
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that that this order shall be effective at 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2021, unless Eversource fails to satisfy the publication and affidavit obligations set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-sixth day of  
March, 2021.

  
Dianne Martin  
Chairwoman

  
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