

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 20-161

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

2020 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Procedural Order Re: Motion for Remote Participation

The Commission scheduled a two-day, in-person hearing in this docket for January 24–25, 2023. On November 10, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) sought permission for two of its witnesses, Ronald D. Willoughby and Joseph J. DeVirgilio, Jr., to testify remotely. The DOE stated that Mr. Willoughby is based in North Carolina and that Mr. DeVirgilio is based in Florida, and that allowing them to participate remotely would reduce their travel time and related expenses. It represented that Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and Clean Energy New Hampshire assented to this request. The DOE noted that the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) will only assent if the Commission allows all remote state witnesses to testify remotely.

The Commission finds that the DOE has provided good reason for Mr. Willoughby and Mr. DeVirgilio to appear remotely on January 24 and 25, 2023. Therefore, the DOE's request for remote participation is GRANTED, and a hybrid hearing format will be used for the January 24–25, 2023 hearing. To the extent the OCA seeks blanket permission for all remote state witnesses to be allowed to testify remotely, that request is denied. Consistent with the hearing guidelines issued on March 25, 2022, all participants in this hearing are to appear in person unless a party files a written request for a particular individual to appear remotely and explains why he or she specifically is unable to participate in person.

So ordered, this twenty-ninth day of November, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DANIEL C. GOLDNER". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

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