

**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: Proposed Amended Procedural Schedule

The Commission issued a procedural order on March 25, 2022 that approved an amended procedural schedule agreed to by the parties. The amended procedural schedule required the parties to file testimony today, on July 25, 2022.

On July 22, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), with the assent of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and intervenor Clean Energy New Hampshire, filed a letter requesting the Commission to extend the July 25 deadline for filing testimony to August 19, 2022 and to amend the current procedural schedule accordingly. The DOE stated that it needed additional time to file its testimony, because of “numerous intervening matters in other dockets.” The DOE represented that the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) objected to its request.

The OCA filed a letter on July 25, 2022 responding to the DOE’s proposed amended procedural schedule. It noted that the procedural schedule in this docket has been modified a number of times, most recently on March 25. The OCA took issue with the DOE’s explanation for why it was requesting an extension of the July 25 deadline. It also questioned why the DOE could not have anticipated the need for an extension earlier, rather than filing its request only one business day before the actual deadline, with a request to extend the deadline for nearly a month.

It is poor practice to request an extension of a long-standing and important deadline at such a late date. Often it is not possible for a decision on a late extension request to issue prior to the deadline in question. While the DOE's request to extend this deadline is GRANTED, no further requests to amend the procedural schedule by the DOE will be entertained, absent a compelling reason. The existing procedural schedule is therefore amended as follows:

DOE/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	August 19, 2022
Data Requests to DOE/OCA/Intervenors	September 7, 2022
Data Responses from DOE/OCA/Intervenors	September 21, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	September 26, 2022
Eversource Rebuttal Testimony (if necessary)	September 30, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	October 5, 2022

The hearings in this docket remained scheduled for October 18 and October 19, 2022, starting both days at 9:00 a.m.

So ordered, this twenty-fifth day of July, 2022.



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