

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 22-058

BEDFORD WASTE SERVICES CORPORATION

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule

On December 14, 2022, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter. Appearances were entered by Bedford Waste Services Corporation (Bedford Waste) and the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE). No petitions to intervene were filed.

Following the prehearing conference, Bedford Waste and the DOE agreed upon the following proposed schedule, which the DOE submitted to the Commission by letter dated December 20, 2022:

Temporary Rates

Data Requests (DRs), Set #1	January 5, 2023
Data Responses, Set #1	January 19, 2023
Technical Session/Settlement Conf. (virtual) DRs, Set #2	January 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Data Responses, Set #2	January 27, 2023
File Settlement/Testimony	February 3, 2023
Hearing on Temporary Rates	March 2, 2023
	On or after March 9, 2023

Permanent Rates

DRs, Set #3	March 16, 2023
Data Responses, Set #3	March 30, 2023
Technical Session/Settlement Conf. (virtual) DRs, Set #4	April 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
Data Responses, Set #4	April 20, 2023
	April 27, 2023

Settlement Track

File Settlement	June 1, 2023
Hearing on the Merits	On or after June 8, 2023

Litigation Track

File Testimony	June 1, 2023
DRs on Testimony	June 15, 2023
Data Responses	June 29, 2023
Technical Session/Settlement Conf. (virtual)	July 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

File Settlement and/or Rebuttal Testimony
Hearing on Permanent Rates

August 17, 2023
On or after August 24, 2023


The DOE noted that the parties will attempt to resolve Bedford Waste's petition for approval of financing filed in Docket No. DW 22-054 during the temporary rate phase in Docket No. DW 22-058. Accordingly, parallel schedules have been proposed in each docket.

It has been determined that the proposed procedural schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, it is approved. A hearing on temporary rates has been scheduled on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours have been allotted for this hearing. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

Provided the parties file a settlement agreement regarding permanent rates according to the deadline in this procedural schedule, a hearing on permanent rates has been scheduled on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours would be allotted for this hearing. If the litigation track is followed in this proceeding, then a hearing on permanent rates will be scheduled on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. One day would be allotted for this hearing. If additional time will be required for the hearing on permanent rates, the parties are requested to notify the Commission at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.

All hearings will be conducted in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on November 1, 2022.

So ordered, this twenty-first day of December, 2022.


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Presiding Officer
Chairman

Service List - Docket Related

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