

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-026

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

**Potential Jurisdictional Conflicts Related to Authorization of Pilot Programs Under
RSA 362-A:2-b**

Procedural Order Re: Denying Motion to Strike and Rescheduling Oral Arguments

The Commission scheduled oral arguments in this docket for September 14, 2023. On September 7, 2023, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) filed a letter citing additional case law for the Commission to consider. On September 8, 2023, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, Unitil Energy Services, Inc., and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (the Joint Utilities) filed a motion to strike the letter on the grounds that the deadline for briefs had already passed. In the alternative, the Joint Utilities requested that the Commission postpone the hearing by at least two weeks and provide the Joint Utilities time to respond to CPCNH's letter. On September 11, 2023, CPCNH filed an objection to the motion to strike. CPCNH agreed that the Joint Utilities should be given an opportunity to respond to the letter, although it argued that it was unnecessary to postpone the oral arguments to do so.

The Commission DENIES the Joint Utilities' motion to strike. The Commission will consider the CPCNH's letter as part of the record. However, the Commission will GRANT the Joint Utilities' requested alternative relief to postpone the oral arguments and provide them time to file a written response to the letter. Consistent with this ruling, the Joint Utilities may file a response to the CPCNH's letter by October 2, 2023. With respect to the new oral arguments date, the Commission has numerous dockets pending before it with hearings scheduled for October and November. To avoid conflicts with those dockets, the

Commission will reschedule oral arguments to December 5, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

So ordered, this twelfth day of September, 2023.

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