

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-051

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

Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses

Procedural Order Re: Request to Extend Deadlines


Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed its petition for recovery of storm expenses on May 1, 2023. On May 23, 2023, the Commission issued a procedural order setting July 17, 2023 and August 1, 2023 as the applicable deadlines for the parties, including Eversource and the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), to take certain actions. The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on May 30, 2023 notifying the Commission that it would be participating in this docket.

In the late afternoon of July 17, 2023, the date of the first deadline, the DOE filed a request to extend the foregoing deadlines pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 202.04, stating that an extension of the deadlines was necessary “due to the press of other business, which could not otherwise be assigned, and which impacts rates more immediately and directly than does the recovery of storm-related expenses at issue in this docket.” The DOE noted that Eversource did not object to its request, but that the OCA’s position was unknown at the time of filing.

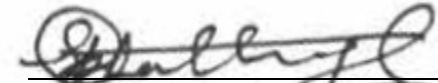
The Commission recently noted in a procedural order issued on June 23, 2023 in Docket No. DE 20-161 that the DOE should be more specific about why it is unable to meet an established deadline than “due to the press of other business, which could not otherwise be assigned.” In addition, when possible, a request to extend a deadline should

be filed before the date of the deadline in question, so that other parties have a chance to respond, and the Commission is able to consider the request before the deadline expires. See N.H. Admin. R., Puc 202.04(a). Since the July 17, 2023 deadline has already expired, the Commission waives the ten-day objection period under Puc 203.07(e). The Commission GRANTS the DOE's request to extend deadlines, so that these deadlines are now October 2, 2023 and October 17, 2023, respectively. However, it requests the DOE to file future extension requests, especially those that are not assented-to, sufficiently in advance of the deadline in question when possible.

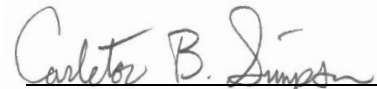
So ordered, this nineteenth day of July, 2023.



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