

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-068

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

**Procedural Order Re: OCA Motion and Cancellation of Hearing Session
on October 24, 2023**

On September 14, 2023, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a motion (Motion) seeking permission for one of its witnesses, Danielle Goldberg, to testify remotely at the hearing sessions scheduled in this matter, and for an additional prehearing conference to be scheduled at the Commission's earliest convenience. On September 21, 2023, LISTEN Community Services filed a position statement in support of the Motion.

We waive New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e) and GRANT the OCA's Motion. Regarding remote accommodations for Ms. Goldberg, we agree that the time and expense associated with travel from Oregon for a series of hearing sessions justify remote accommodations for this witness. The Commission notes that only individuals who have received permission may appear remotely. The filing of a separate request is required for any other parties or witnesses to appear remotely at these hearing sessions.

Puc 203.15 provides for one or more prehearing conferences in contested cases upon the motion of any party. With respect to the request to schedule a second prehearing conference, the Commission agrees it would be appropriate to do so for the reasons the OCA provided. Accordingly, the Commission SCHEDULES a prehearing conference on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. to outline the hearing plan.

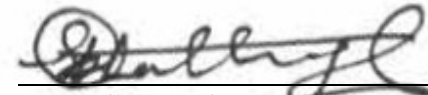
Furthermore, as noted in the Motion, we have issued a series of requests for records or specific answers in this proceeding. These questions were and are intended

to help us in our consideration of the issues presented in this docket, and we expect will expedite the hearing process. Moreover, because the inquiries, written responses, and data are available to all parties in advance of hearing sessions, the parties have advanced notice of the topics, issues, and data the Commission is interested in scrutinizing at hearing. We are mindful of the burden that producing and reviewing these written inquiries places on the joint utilities and other parties; however, we expect that the time spent on these inquiries will facilitate efficient hearing sessions. We therefore conclude that four full-day hearing sessions are not needed, and we CANCEL the hearing session scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

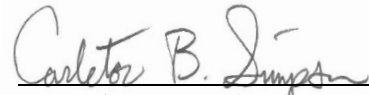
So ordered, this twenty-second day of September, 2023.



Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman



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Commissioner



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