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Re: DE 19-197, Electric and Natural Gas Utilities  
Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform  
Procedural Schedule and Deadline for Staff Proposal

To the Parties:

On February 3, 2020, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Liberty Utilities, Inc., the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff (Staff). The Commission deferred ruling on the petitions to intervene filed by Mission: data Coalition, Freedom Logistics, LLC, Kat McGhee, UtilityAPI, Inc., Town of Hanover, Clean Energy New Hampshire, City of Lebanon, Community Choice Partners, Inc., the Direct Energy companies, Packetized Energy Technologies, Inc., and Patricia Martin. Representatives of the Sheehan Phinney law firm, the Department of Environmental Services, and William Brown were also present, but did not file petitions to intervene.

Following the prehearing conference, the foregoing participants met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated February 10, 2020:

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| Written Comments on Scope of Docket                                | March 11, 2020                 |
| Technical Session <sup>1</sup> to Discuss Comments on Docket Scope | March 18, 2020                 |
| Technical Session  | March 20, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.   |
| Technical Session  | May 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.     |
| Technical Session  | May 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.    |
| Technical Session  | June 25, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.   |
| Parties Submit Pre-filed Testimony                                 | August 12, 2020                |
| Technical Session  | August 26, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. |
| Round 1 Discovery Requests Due                                     | August 31, 2020                |
| Round 1 Discovery Responses Due                                    | September 10, 2020             |
| Round 2 Discovery Requests Due                                     | September 18, 2020             |
| Round 2 Discovery Responses Due                                    | September 28, 2020             |

<sup>1</sup> Any technical session held in a Commission proceeding may potentially involve settlement discussions, which will be restricted to participation by parties only and must be treated as confidential and not disclosed, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.20(a).

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| Technical Session                       | October 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.  |
| Rebuttal Testimony                      | October 23, 2020                |
| Round 3 Discovery Requests Due          | October 30, 2020                |
| Round 3 Discovery Responses Due         | November 9, 2020                |
| Technical Session                       | Nov. 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.    |
| Round 4 Discovery Requests Due          | November 17, 2020               |
| Round 4 Discovery Responses Due         | November 27, 2020               |
| Technical Session/Settlement Conference | January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. |
| Hearing                                 | February 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. |

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its prehearing order.

In addition, Staff stated that it electronically served a scoping comment solicitation along with its letter requesting approval of the proposed procedural schedule. Pursuant to the procedural schedule, comments on relevant issues, including the identification of other stakeholders and other foreseeable issues, are due by March 11, 2020. Staff has suggested that any decision on party consolidation should be deferred until after the first technical session held on March 18, 2020.

Accordingly, Staff shall file a proposal with the Commission on or before Wednesday, April 1, 2020, which addresses the following issues: (1) the identification of other stakeholders, if any, and the proposed deadline by which they must file petitions to intervene in this docket; (2) the proposed consolidation of parties, if any; and (3) any additional issues relevant to this docket which were not included in the December 13, 2019 order of notice.

Sincerely,



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