

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 21-020**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
AND CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
COMPANY, LLC d/b/a CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS**

**Joint Petition to Approve Pole Asset Transfer**

**Procedural Order Re: Motion for Enlargement of Time**

On November 4, 2021, New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc. (NECTA) filed a motion requesting an extension of the November 8, 2021 deadline, established in the Commission's September 10, 2021 procedural letter, for the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), New Hampshire Department of Energy (Energy), and intervenors to file their testimony. The motion also requested the Commission to establish a deadline for Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (Consolidated) to file its responses to NECTA's data requests 2-019 and 3-020. As NECTA's motion was only partially assented to, it was held for 10 days pursuant to New Hampshire Administrative Rule Puc 203.07(e), but no objection has been filed.

In its September 10, 2021 procedural letter, the Commission extended the previous deadline for OCA/Energy/Intervenor testimony to November 8, 2021 and canceled the remainder of the parties' amended procedural schedule approved by procedural letter dated July 29, 2021, so that the parties could develop a new procedural schedule. It directed the parties to confer regarding a procedural schedule prior to the November 8 deadline and to notify the Commission either that they had agreed to a new procedural schedule or that they had been unable to agree. If the parties were unable to agree upon a

procedural schedule, then the Commission would establish a new procedural schedule.

NECTA stated that the parties were unable to agree on a new procedural schedule.

The Commission granted NECTA's motion to compel Consolidated to file responses to NECTA's data requests 2-019 and 3-020 in Order No. 26,534 (October 22, 2021). Order No. 26,534, however, did not set a deadline for Consolidated to file its responses. The Commission partially granted the OCA's motion to dismiss and ordered Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and Consolidated (collectively, the Joint Petitioners) to propose a new recovery mechanism by November 15, 2021. On November 16, 2021, Eversource submitted this filing.

NECTA's motion requested the Commission to set a deadline for Consolidated's responses to its data requests that would permit it, the OCA, and Energy to conduct discovery on that information before they are required to file their testimony. In addition, NECTA asked the Commission to extend the November 8, 2021 deadline to a date that would allow it, the OCA, and Energy to conduct discovery on Eversource's proposed new recovery mechanism. NECTA proposed no new deadlines in its motion. NECTA stated that, although none of the parties objected to its requests to extend the November 8, 2021 deadline so that it, the OCA, and Energy could conduct discovery regarding Eversource's proposed new recovery mechanism, Consolidated objected to discovery regarding its responses to NECTA's outstanding data requests.


Since the parties have been unable to agree upon a new procedural schedule, the following amended procedural schedule has been established by the Commission:

OCA/Energy/Intervenors data requests (DRs) regarding proposed new recovery mechanism	November 30, 2021
Consolidated's responses to NECTA's DRs 2-019 and 3-020	December 6, 2021

Responses by Joint Petitioners to DRs regarding proposed new recovery mechanism	December 15, 2021
OCA/Energy/Intervenors DRs regarding Consolidated's responses to NECTA's DRs 2-019 and 3-020	December 20, 2021
Responses by Consolidated to DRs regarding its responses to NECTA's DRs 2-019 and 3-020	January 10, 2022
OCA/Energy/Intervenor testimony to be filed by	January 31, 2022
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	February 8, 2022
Settlement Conference/Rebuttal Testimony	February 22, 2022
Hearing on the Merits	March 15, 2022

The Tuesday, March 15, 2022 hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached supplemental order of notice and hearing guidelines. One day has 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.

So ordered, this nineteenth day of November, 2021.

  
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Presiding Officer  
Chairman

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