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Re: Docket No. DE 19-057  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
Notice of Intent to File Permanent Rate Schedules

Proposed Procedural Schedule for Merit Hearings

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission suspended the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket due to the emergency orders related to the Covid-19 pandemic. In Order No. 26,363 (June 16, 2020), the Commission extended the deadline for this rate proceeding by six months, and directed Staff to develop an appropriate hearing schedule. At this point, Staff expects the rate case will be fully litigated. Accordingly, Staff determined that we need 20 days of hearings.

In order to make sure that these days work for witnesses, Staff will work with Eversource, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and intervenors to establish an agenda for each hearing day as needed and address other procedural issues.

Staff proposes the following schedule for the merits hearing in this matter:

August 19 at 10:00 a.m.  
August 20 at 10:00 a.m.  
August 21 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 1 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 2 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 3 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 4 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 9 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 16 at 10:00 a.m.  
September 29 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 1 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 2 at 10:00 a.m.

October 5 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 9 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 12 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 14 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 26 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 27 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 29 at 10:00 a.m.  
October 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Staff understands that the Commission may make further decisions as to where and how these hearings will be held, insofar as physical distancing requirements remain in effect.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this procedural schedule. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, this proposed procedural schedule is being filed solely in electronic form.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Suzanne Amidon*

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