

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

2022 Qualified Capital Project Adjustment Charge

Docket No. DW 22-005

MOTION TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

NOW COMES Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (“PEU” or “Company”), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and operating therein as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”), that hereby moves the Commission, pursuant to PUC 203.07, to amend the Procedural Schedule approved by procedural order issued by the Commission on June 16, 2022 in Docket No. DW 22-005. Specifically, the Company requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule by adding a deadline for the Company to file its QCPAC update and allow time for review by the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“Department”) and conduct additional, limited discovery based upon the update prior to filing the settlement. This will provide the Company and New Hampshire Department of Energy (“Department”) time for the Company to file the QCPAC update, allow the Department time to review the update and follow up with discovery to ensure the information submitted in the Settlement Agreement is complete. In support of this request, the Company states the following:

1. PEU filed a petition for approval of its 2022 Qualified Capital Project Adjustment Charge (“QCPAC”) on February 10, 2022.

2. The complete docket of this proceeding can be found at the Commission’s website at: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-005.html>

3. On February 16, 2022, the Commission issued a Letter of Acknowledgement in receipt of the Company’s petition.

4. On February 17, 2022, the Company filed a notice of service list change.

5. On March 28, 2022, the Department of Energy (“Department”) filed a notice of appearance, and on March 29, 2022 filed a notice of service list change.

6. On April 6, 2022, the Department filed a petition or assented-to motion for a proposed procedural schedule in Docket No. DW 22-005.

7. The Commission issued the Notice of Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference on April 8, 2022, along with a Notice of Hearing Guidelines which set a date for the prehearing conference on May 19, 2022 at 1:30pm.

8. Upon a motion by the Company dated April 8, 2022, which was subsequently approved by the Commission on April 12, 2022, the Prehearing Conference was rescheduled to June 14, 2022 at 9:00 am.

9. On June 14, 2022, the Commission held the Prehearing Conference which was attended by the Company and Department. There are no intervenors or other parties involved in this matter.

10. During the prehearing conference, the Commission approved the Department’s motion for approval of a procedural schedule filed on April 6, 2022 and issued the Procedural Order dated June 16, 2022.

11. The Procedural Order included a schedule for the Company and Department to conduct written discovery, hold a technical session on October 12, 2022, and file a settlement with the Commission by November 16, 2022.

12. The Company and Department held the technical session on October 12, 2022 as scheduled. The parties discussed the schedule and a plan by the Company to file the QCPAC financial update filing report early or by November 1, 2022, rather than November 15, 2022 for the period ending September 30, 2022 (as approved by Order No. 26,608 on April 8, 2022). The Department would review the QCPAC financial update and issue additional discovery to address any questions raised by the QCPAC update filing. PEU would respond, and the parties could then file discovery responses and the most up-to-date information with the settlement agreement. Additional discovery would require amending the settlement filing date.

13. The Company therefore requests that the Commission amend the Procedural Schedule as follows:

August 17, 2022	First Set Data Requests to PEU
August 31, 2022	PEU Responses to First Set Data Requests
September 14, 2022	Second Set Data Requests to PEU
September 28, 2022	PEU Responses to Second Set Data Requests
October 12, 2022	Technical Session 10:00 a.m.
October 19, 2022	PEU Responses to Technical Session Data Requests
November 1, 2022	PEU Files QCPAC Financial Update
November 8, 2022	Third Set Data Requests to PEU
November 18, 2022	PEU Responses to Third Set Data Requests
December 14, 2022	File Settlement with Commission

14. The Company consulted with the Department, and the Department agrees and assents to this motion requesting amendment to the procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission amend the existing procedural schedule to extend the time for filing the QCPAC update, conducting additional discovery and filing the settlement agreement with the Commission, as set forth above.


Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this motion was provided via electronic mail to the individuals included on the Commission's service list for this docket.

Dated: October 17, 2022


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