

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 22-030

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Petition for Third Step Adjustment

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Extend Deadline

On May 2, 2022, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition requesting a third step adjustment for effect on August 1, 2022. Although Eversource originally requested a hearing in June 2022, on May 13, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) filed a request for the hearing to be scheduled in July 2022. On June 9, 2022, the Commission issued a notice commencing an adjudicative proceeding and scheduling a hearing on July 19, 2022.

In its June 9, 2022 notice, the Commission noted that the underlying settlement agreement required all step adjustments to be subject to audit, and that the issues to be decided in this proceeding included whether Eversource appropriately calculated the proposed revenue requirement required to recover the costs of eligible capital projects. The Commission stated that, for the hearing to proceed as scheduled, it required the costs proposed for recovery to be audited, with an audit report to be filed by July 12, 2022.


On June 29, 2022, the DOE filed a motion requesting the Commission to extend the July 12 audit report deadline to August 31, 2022. The DOE asserted that the DOE Audit Division began working on the audit, but that it will be unable to complete the audit by July 12, given its current workload, staffing, and the priority of other matters. The DOE maintained that the Commission could issue a decision stating that its findings were subject to adjustment or reconciliation based on the outcome of the final audit report, so

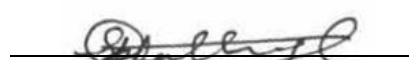
that an extension of the audit deadline would not cause undue delay or adversely affect the rights of any party.

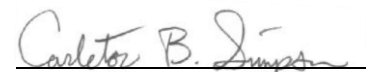
The DOE stated that Eversource did not object to the extension request, though Eversource reserved its right to respond to the final audit report, including the right to request an additional hearing before any rate adjustments were made. Eversource filed a response to the DOE's motion for an extension on July 1, 2022, in which it confirmed that it did not object, provided the Commission's order on the DOE's motion stated that additional process would be permitted after the final audit report was filed.

The DOE's motion to extend the deadline is GRANTED, in that the deadline for filing a final audit report is now August 31, 2022. The July 19, 2022 hearing, therefore, is rescheduled to Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., so that the Commission can review the results of the audit before the hearing. Three hours shall be allotted for the September 13 hearing, which shall be conducted in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on June 9, 2022. The hearing will also address the issue of what effective date should apply to any new rates resulting from the proposed step adjustment.

So ordered, this seventh day of July, 2022.


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