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24**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE****PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**January 11, 2024** - 10:04 a.m.  
21 South Fruit Street  
Suite 10  
Concord, NH

RE: **DRM 23-094**

**RULEMAKING:**

New Hampshire Code of Administrative  
Rules - Puc Chapter 1900 Rules  
Regarding Rate Case Expenses.  
*(Hearing to receive public comment)*

**PRESENT:** Sarah Fuller, Esq./Senior Advisor-Legal  
*[Presiding as the Presiding Officer]*  
  
Eric Wind, Esq./PUC Senior Advisor-Legal  
  
Tracey Russo, Clerk

**APPEARANCES:** *(No appearances taken)*

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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**P R O C E E D I N G**

PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: All right.

Let's get started. It is 10:04.

*[Brief off-the-record discussion ensued  
regarding use of the microphone.]*

PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: Okay. So,  
we're here today for the public hearing of Puc  
1900, it's the rate case expenses. Today is  
January 11th, 2024. You know, I'm Sarah Fuller.  
I'm a Senior Advisor here at the Commission.

The Puc 1900s relates to the rate case  
expenses. The rule set that we're proposing does  
not substantially change the existing rules. It  
makes minor changes and reflects the division of  
regulatory responsibilities between the  
Commission and the Department of Energy,  
following the establishment of the Department of  
Energy in July of 2021.

I'm with Eric Wind, who is a Senior  
Advisor for at least one more day at the Public  
Utilities Commission. And, as a Senior Advisor  
at the Commission, I'm going to serve as a  
Designee of the Chairman of the Commission for  
this hearing in Docket Number 23 -- or, DRM

1 23-094. And this is a public comment hearing on  
2 the proposed rule set.

3 As of this morning, we hadn't received  
4 any written comments. I see that there's three  
5 people that are speaking at today's hearing. As  
6 everybody -- I mean, I only see four of you guys  
7 out here. So, everybody who wishes to speak has  
8 signed in, correct?

9 MS. BAILINSON: Yes.

10 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: I'm going to  
11 call the names in the order that they're on the  
12 sheet. I'll try to allow everybody who is  
13 providing comments as much time as they would  
14 like, as there's not, you know, there's no great  
15 line at the door today. So, we do have some  
16 time.

17 Once everybody has had time to speak,  
18 we'll adjourn, and then we'll just go over the  
19 procedure as to what timeframe that there is for  
20 people to submit written comments. All right.

21 And I think the first person who signed  
22 up is Attorney Bailinson. So, if you will just  
23 turn your microphone on, state your name, what  
24 organization you're speaking for, and provide

1 your comments, Attorney Bailinson.

2 MS. BAILINSON: Good morning.

3 My name is Marie-Helene Bailinson. And  
4 I'm here on behalf of the New Hampshire  
5 Department of Energy. And I am here with Paul  
6 Dexter, who is the Senior Hearings Examiner with  
7 the Department of Energy; and Susan Gagne, who  
8 also works with the Department of Energy.

9 We are here today to express our  
10 support relative to the En 1900 rules, entitled  
11 "Rate Case Expenses".

12 And we have nothing further to say.

13 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: All right.

14 MS. BAILINSON: Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: You're  
16 welcome. And I think you said "En 1900", but you  
17 meant the "Puc"?

18 MS. BAILINSON: I am sorry. I'm in the  
19 "En" world.

20 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: That's totally  
21 fine. If I start talking about, you know, "Lab"  
22 rules, somebody can correct me.

23 All right. Attorney Dexter, you have  
24 also indicated you would like to speak. Please

1 state your name, and where you're from, and then  
2 you can provide your comments, sir.

3 MS. DEXTER: Paul Dexter, appearing on  
4 behalf of the Department of Energy.

5 And I don't have any additional  
6 comments, beyond what Attorney Bailinson just  
7 stated.

8 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: Thank you.

9 All right. And, then, Attorney  
10 Wiesner.

11 MR. WIESNER: Good morning. David  
12 Wiesner, --

13 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: Sorry.  
14 Apologize for that.

15 MR. WIESNER: That's all right. So,  
16 David Wiesner, for Public Service Company of New  
17 Hampshire, doing business as Eversource Energy.

18 I will keep this brief. We may or may  
19 not file written comments. But we are generally  
20 supportive of the Commission's readoption of the  
21 rate case expenses rules, the 1900 set of rules,  
22 with minimal changes, recognizing the creation of  
23 the Department of Energy in 2021.

24 PRESIDING OFCR. FULLER: Okay. I

1 appreciate that comment.

2 Since I don't see anybody else here  
3 today who would like to provide a comment or have  
4 questions, I think that that concludes the public  
5 hearing part of this review of this rule set.

6 I will remind everybody, if you want to  
7 submit those written comments, please do so by  
8 January 19th of 2024. We accept them by email.  
9 If you look in our Rulemaking Notice that was in  
10 the Rulemaking Register, it explains how to  
11 submit those. If there's any questions, please  
12 feel free to email or call the Clerks Office, and  
13 we'll give further instruction.

14 But, as for the public hearing, it is  
15 now adjourned. Thank you.

16 ***(Whereupon the public comment hearing***  
17 ***was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.)***

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