STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 24-041

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

Petition for Review of Storm Expenses

Procedural Order Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule

In its letter filed on March 25, 2024, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) stated

[w]e recognize that the Company's storm filing [in this docket] is substantial, in terms of both the dollar amounts involved and the detailed documentation supporting recovery of those costs. Eversource is fully committed to working collaboratively with the [New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE)] and other parties to establish a procedural schedule that affords the DOE a reasonable period of time in which to complete its audit and develop its recommendation.

On March 28, 2024, the Commission issued a procedural order requesting Eversource to file a proposed procedural schedule by April 12, 2024 based on input from the DOE and other parties. Eversource filed a letter on April 12 containing assented-to deadlines for the DOE's audit and recommendation and Eversource's response, but maintained that a formal procedural schedule was not necessary at this time.

The DOE filed a proposed procedural schedule on April 15, 2024, which incorporated the deadlines contained in Eversource's April 12 filing, but the DOE noted that Eversource had rejected this proposed procedural schedule. Eversource did not file a written response to the DOE's proposal.

Both Eversource and the DOE have acknowledged that this docket is unlike other storm expense review dockets given the amount at issue and documentation involved.

Therefore, the Commission finds that a procedural schedule would be helpful in this

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instance, and it APPROVES the DOE's proposed procedural schedule. A hearing is scheduled <u>on January 22, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m.</u> One day has been allotted for this hearing, which will be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this tenth day of May, 2024.

Daniel C. Goldner Presiding Officer

Chairman

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