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Re: DE 19-057, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Notice of Intent to File Permanent Rate Schedules Granting Joint Motion to Cancel Certain Hearing Dates

To the Parties:

By secretarial letter dated July 7, 2020, the Commission approved a hearing schedule in the abovereferenced matter, which provided for hearings to start on August 19, 2020 and to continue until the end of October 2020. On August 13, 2020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and Commission Staff (Staff) filed a joint motion to cancel the August 2020 and most of the September 2020 hearing dates. In their motion, Eversource, the OCA, and Staff stated that they have reached a potential settlement agreement in principle, and they wished to cancel these hearing dates to give themselves more time to pursue and finalize a settlement, as well as to engage with all parties regarding the potential settlement. The other parties' positions on this motion are not known.

A settlement in this matter is to be encouraged because, among other reasons, it would promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission waives the objection period in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.07(e), pursuant to Puc 201.05, and grants the joint motion to cancel certain hearing dates. The following hearing dates are now cancelled: August 19, 20, and 21, and September 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, and 16. The remaining hearing dates shall remain on the Commission's calendar until a settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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