

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION  
COMMITTEE**

**June 20, 2017**

**Docket No. 2015-04**

**Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
d/b/a Eversource Energy for Certificate of Site and Facility**

**REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This order establishes a revised procedural schedule for this docket.

**I. Background**

On May 22, 2017, an order and revised procedural schedule (Order) was issued in this docket. Consistent with the Order, technical sessions with the Applicant's witnesses were held on May 30, June 7, 12, and 15, 2017. At the June 7 technical session, the Applicant raised an issue related to the sediment dispersion modeling and the "tide stage" that was used in the original model. In light of this new information, at the June 12 technical session, the Administrator and Counsel for the Committee discussed possible changes to the procedural schedule and when an agreement could not be reached, requested that the parties submit their schedule proposals.

On June 14, the Town of Durham and UNH submitted its proposed schedule and on June 15 and June 16, the Applicants and Counsel for the Public, respectively, submitted proposed schedules.

**II. Analysis**

After reviewing the proposed schedules that were submitted, the timeframes in the

previous procedural schedules, and to ensure that the parties have sufficient time to prepare and present their evidence and the orderly conduct of the proceedings, the following procedural schedule shall apply in this docket:<sup>1</sup>

1. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall propound data requests upon the Applicant regarding the Amendment on or before April 19, 2017. The data requests shall relate to the Amendment to the Application and to the Normandeau Associates, Inc. report titled: *Characterization of Sediment Quality Along Little Bay Crossing*, submitted on December 1, 2016. The total number of data requests for any party in this docket shall not exceed 65;
2. The Applicant shall respond to the data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before May 12, 2017;
3. Technical sessions with the Applicant's witnesses shall be conducted on May 30, June 7, and June 12, 2017. The technical session on June 12 will be held at 49 Donovan Street, Concord;
4. A technical session with the Applicant's witness, Mr. James Chalmers, shall be conducted on June 15, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at 49 Donovan Street, Concord;
5. *The Applicant shall submit an updated Suspended Sediment Modeling Report for Little Bay prepared by RPS ASA to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the SEC Distribution List on or before July 1, 2017;*
6. *A technical session with the Applicant's witnesses, Sarah Allen and Ann Pembroke on issues solely related to the updated RPS ASA Suspended Sediment Modeling Report for Little Bay, shall be conducted on July 11, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at 49 Donovan Street, Concord;*
7. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall provide pre-filed testimony of their witnesses on or before *July 31, 2017*;
8. The Applicant shall propound data requests on Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before *August 14, 2017*;
9. State agencies shall issue final permits and conditions, if any, on or before *August 1, 2017*;

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<sup>1</sup> Changes to the most recent procedural schedule are displayed *bold italic font*.

10. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall respond to data requests on or before *August 28, 2017*;
11. A technical session with witnesses for Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall be conducted on *September 6 and 7, 2017 at 49 Donovan Street, Concord*;
12. Supplemental pre-filed testimony shall be due from all parties on or before *October 2, 2017*;
13. The parties shall file statements of stipulated facts and any other stipulations on or before **October 6, 2017**;
14. The final pre-hearing conference shall be conducted on **October 10, 2017**; and
15. The final adjudicative hearing (estimated time needed for hearing is 5 days) and deliberations shall take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each scheduled day, on **October 16, 17, 19, 20, 26, 27, 31, and November 7, 2017**. Any of the dates that are not needed, shall be cancelled by the Presiding Officer.

Unless otherwise ordered, all technical sessions, prehearing conferences and the adjudicative hearing in this docket shall be conducted at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

**SO ORDERED this twentieth day of June, 2017.**

  
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Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer  
Site Evaluation Committee