

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 19-126

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.

2019-2024 Integrated Resource Plan

Suspension of Order No. 26,664

O R D E R N O. 26,683

September 13, 2022

In this order the Commission suspends Order No. 26,664 pending consideration of the two pending motions for rehearing.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 8, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,664 (Order), which accepted the Working Group Report and adopted the report with modifications. The Working Group Report contained recommendations for changes to be made in Northern Utilities Inc.'s (Northern's) next LCIRP. The Order also extended the deadline for Northern to file its next LCIRP until March 31, 2023. On August 17, 2022, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), moved pursuant to RSA 541:3 for rehearing and, in the alternative, for clarification of the Order. On September 7, 2022, Northern moved for rehearing of the Order pursuant to RSA 541:3.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission may grant rehearing for "good reason" if the moving party shows that an order is unlawful or unreasonable. RSA 541:3; RSA 541:4; *Rural Tel. Cos.*, Order No. 25,291 (November 21, 2011); *see also Pub. Serv. Co. of N.H. d/b/a Eversource Energy*, Order No. 25,970 at 4-5 (December 7, 2016). RSA 365:21 prescribes the process for Commission action on motions for rehearing.

The procedure for rehearings and appeals shall be that prescribed by RSA 541, except as herein otherwise provided. Notwithstanding RSA 541:5, upon the filing of a motion for rehearing, the commission shall within 30 days either grant or deny the motion, or suspend the order or decision complained of pending further consideration, and any order of suspension may be upon such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe. RSA 365:21.

The Commission has determined that a suspension of the Order is necessary to allow additional time to consider the two pending motions for rehearing.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Order No. 26,664 is suspended until further Commission action on the pending motions for rehearing..

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirteenth day of September, 2022.



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