# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### **DE 24-112**

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

### Petition for Adjustment of Stranded Cost Recovery Charge

### **Procedural Order Re: Order on Recusal**

#### COMMISSIONER DELL'ORFANO:

On my own initiative, I have withdrawn from this adjudicative proceeding per N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.22(a). I do this out of an abundance of caution and solely to protect the integrity of any future decision the Commission may reach in Docket No. DE 24-112.

On February 27, 2025, I attended a regularly scheduled meeting of the Bedford Energy Commission (the "BEC") to express my preference for the BEC to create and adopt an "optin" community power electric aggregation plan for voter consideration, as opposed to the "optout" Bedford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan that appeared as Warrant Article No. 15 on the ballot for the 2025 Bedford Town Meeting.

As a review of my testimony indicates, I gave comments to the BEC in my individual capacity as a resident of Bedford and not in my official capacity as a commissioner. My comments were to encourage the BEC to vet and review its proposed "opt-out" plan more carefully, and to consider an "opt-in" plan to ensure that residents and businesses in Bedford avail themselves of the lowest prices for energy service. Still, I understand how some of my comments to the BEC, taken out of context, could be construed as a bias against CPCNH.

Accordingly, I wish to assure CPCNH that I am not biased against it or its mission, or against community electric power aggregation, and can fairly and impartially decide matters appearing before the Commission where CPCNH has been granted intervenor or participant status. In support of that statement, I remind CPCNH that both before and after my

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comments to the Bedford Energy Commission on the BEC's proposed plan, I participated in the Commission's approval of multiple community power electric aggregation plans with "optout" alternative default service programs, under which CPCNH provides the electric energy supply and related program support to its municipal members. *See*, *e.g.*, Order No. 27,097, *Town of Hollis*, Docket No. 24-118 (Jan. 27, 2025); Order No. 28,111, *Town of Cornish*, Docket No. DE 25-003 (Mar. 10, 2025); Order No. 28,115, *Town of Shelburne*, Docket No. DE 25-007 (Mar. 17, 2025); Order No. 28,119, *Town of Sunapee*, Docket No. DE 25-011 (Mar. 21, 2025).

So ordered, this twenty-sixth day of March, 2025.

Mark W. Dell'Orfano Commissioner DE 24-112 - 3 -

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