

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Docket No. DE 16-XXX

**PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICE RATE FOR
EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2017**

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “the Company”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for a proceeding to adjust its default energy service (“ES”) rate for effect on January 1, 2017 pursuant to the requirements of RSA 374-F:3 and RSA 369-B:3. In support of its Petition, Eversource says the following:

1. Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A), customers taking default energy service from Eversource are billed an ES rate reflecting Eversource’s actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power, as approved by the Commission. In Order No. 25,853 (December 22, 2015) in Docket No. DE 15-415, the Commission approved an energy service rate of 8.27 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 9.99 cents per kilowatt-hour. The total rate also reflected a change in the amount of the temporary rate that was recovering the costs of the scrubber from 0.98 cents to 1.72 cents per kilo-watt hour, consistent with the 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement (the “Agreement”), which was approved by the Commission on July 1, 2016 in Order No. 25,920. In Order No. 25,914 (June 28, 2016) in the Docket No. 15-415, the Commission approved an increase to the default energy service rate to 9.23 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 10.95 cents per kilowatt-hour.

2. Enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments and exhibits of Christopher J. Goulding supporting a change in the ES rate. Based upon the data contained in those attachments and exhibits, Eversource currently estimates that the rate for effect on January 1, 2017 will be 10.99 cents per kilowatt-hour including scrubber-related costs.

3. Furthermore, in continuing compliance with the Commission's requirement in Order No. 25,614 (December 27, 2013) in Docket No. DE 13-275, Eversource includes the testimony of Daniel J. Ludwig regarding the Company's forecast with respect to customer migration. Additionally, in Order No. 25,914 (June 28, 2016) in Docket No. DE 15-415, the Commission directed Eversource to "conduct a lead/lag study, in consultation with Staff and the OCA, to be completed within a time to allow the results of the study to be applied to its proposed 2017 energy service rate calculation." Order No. 25,914 at 4. In compliance with that requirement Eversource also includes the testimony of Brian J. Rice discussing the lead/lag study that has been incorporated into this filing. Eversource is not requesting approval of a specific rate at this time, but, consistent with past practice, the Company will update its estimates with more recent data before a hearing on the merits is held in December.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission open a proceeding, provide for an order of notice, schedule a procedural hearing where the conduct of this proceeding may be established and intervention requests ruled upon, and order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of September, 2016.

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