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Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DOCKET NO. DE 17-096 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

## Motion for Commencement of Audit of Divestiture-Related Costs

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3,IV(c) and the N. H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 102.08 and 203.07, enclosed on behalf of Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH" or the "Company") is a "Motion for Commencement of Audit of Divestiture-Related Costs." In the Motion, the Company requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission initiate its audit of the Company's rate-reduction bond transaction, including the principal amount financed and the total divestiture-related costs incurred, as directed in Order No. 26,099.

In support of the Motion, PSNH is submitting herewith the direct testimony and attachments of Robert A. Bersak, Chief Regulatory Counsel of Eversource Energy and the direct testimony and attachment of Catherine A. Finneran, Vice President, Sustainability and Environmental Affairs of Eversource Energy. The testimony and attachments included herewith demonstrate that recovery of the divestiture-related costs is warranted as the costs were reasonably and prudently incurred.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to this filing.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Venora, Esq.

cc: Service List