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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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RE: DE 17-150
EVERSOURCE ENERGY:
2017 Default Service.
(Prehearing conference)

PRESENT: Chairman Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding
Commissioner Kathryn M. Bailey
Commissioner Michael S. Giaimo

Sandy Deno, Clerk

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CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: We're here in Docket DE 17-150, which is Eversource's Energy Service rate proceeding. We're here for a prehearing conference.

Before we do anything else, let's take appearances.

MR. FOSSUM: Good morning once again, Commissioners. Matthew Fossum, here for Public Service Company of New Hampshire doing business as Eversource Energy.

MR. BUCKLEY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. My name is Brian D. Buckley. I'm a staff attorney with the Office of the Consumer Advocate. And to my left is Mr. James Brennan, Director of Finance with the OCA. And we're here representing the interests of residential ratepayers.

MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne Amidon, for Commission Staff. And with me today is Rich Chagnon, an Analyst with the Electric Division.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Are there any procedural or preliminary matters we need to

1 deal with before the parties state their
2 positions?

3 MS. AMIDON: No.

4 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Fossum, why
5 don't you start us off.

6 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you. And I'll
7 just make a reference over to the prior docket
8 in which we had a prehearing conference this
9 morning, in 17-151. Just to make note that
10 some of the issues that affect that docket also
11 impact this one.

12 But that said, relative to this
13 docket specifically, in Order 26,056, issued by
14 the Commission back in September, Eversource
15 had been directed to file its Energy Service
16 and Stranded Cost filings consistent with its
17 past practice, and it has done so in this case.

18 It's our position that the Energy
19 Service rate for which we have filed, and for
20 which -- and which we are proposing to go into
21 effect on January 1st, is appropriately
22 calculated and otherwise just and reasonable,
23 and we would request that the Commission
24 approve the rate that we have filed, subject to

1 whatever other moving parts there may be in
2 other dockets.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Buckley.

5 MR. BUCKLEY: The Office of the
6 Consumer Advocate is still evaluating the
7 issues presented in the instant Petition. But
8 is optimistic that the parties can work
9 together to reach an expedient and amicable
10 resolution of those issues.

11 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Amidon.

12 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. The Company
13 filed this pursuant to the order mentioned by
14 Mr. Fossum. And, as we stated in the prior
15 prehearing conference, there's another docket,
16 17-113, which proposes to address the post
17 divestiture procurement of energy for
18 Eversource.

19 Having said that, and recognizing
20 that there's going to have to be some, I don't
21 know if it's juggling, but some flexibility
22 involved in terms of finding a solution to that
23 docket, we're prepared to conduct the normal
24 inquiry into this proceeding, and have already

1 saved a date for a hearing in December,
2 assuming that we go forward with this in the
3 typical manner. And we'll conduct -- begin
4 discovery as soon as we can.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right. I'll
7 note that you have a technical session
8 scheduled following this prehearing conference
9 in this docket and in 17-151.

10 And, if there's nothing else, we will
11 leave you to it. Thank you all. We are
12 adjourned.

13 ***(Whereupon the prehearing***
14 ***conference was adjourned at***
15 ***10:36 a.m., and a technical***
16 ***session was held thereafter.)***