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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: DE 19-XXX Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Line Extension Policy
Line Extension Rate Filing, Rates Effective April 1, 2019

Dear Director Howland:

On September 18, 2009, a settlement agreement relating to the line extension policy of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) was filed with the Commission in Docket No. DE 08-135¹. The Commission approved the policy as contained in the settlement agreement in Order No. 25,046 dated November 20, 2009. Under the policy as set out in the settlement, Eversource was to phase-in, over three years, new line extension charges based upon a specified cost per foot. The phase-in period ended March 31, 2013, after which time the settlement provided a methodology for calculating the cost per foot that would apply to line extensions on a going forward basis.

Pursuant to the settlement, at Section B.2., Eversource is to calculate the average cost per foot by construction type for the period April 1 through March 31 of each year using an average of actual costs from the three prior years. The settlement provides a specific method for calculating and updating the three year average. In this filing, Eversource provides the technical statement of George J. Knowles to report on the average cost per foot calculations applicable to the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 as called for in the settlement agreement.

In that the cost per foot in the enclosed submission will be the rate for line extensions applied through Eversource’s tariff, Eversource is requesting, pursuant to RSA 378:3 and Puc 1603.07, that this rate be effective on April 1, 2019, consistent with the settlement agreement. Eversource has included proposed tariff pages implementing the new rate with this filing.

¹ By a secretarial letter dated March 18, 2015 in the above-referenced docket, Docket No. DE 08-135 was deemed closed and replaced by Docket No. DE 15-089.

In addition, the settlement agreement required Eversource to provide a report to the settling parties summarizing certain information relating to line extensions by March 1 of each year, beginning in 2013. This filing incorporates the report due to the settling parties.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M. Fossum", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Enclosures
cc: Service list