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Re: DE 17-113, Public Service Co. of N.H. d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for Approval of Energy Supply Proposal

To the Parties:

On August 4, 2017, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), New England Power Generators Association (NEPGA), Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), Exelon Generation Company (Exelon), NextEra Energy Marketing (NextEra), EnerNOC, Inc., the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff.

The Commission granted all petitions to intervene at the prehearing conference with the exception of EnerNOC's, which it took under advisement. No party objected to EnerNOC's intervention except Eversource. The Commission has determined that EnerNOC's petition is consistent with the applicable standards for intervention and has granted the petition.

Following the prehearing conference, parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following interim schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated August 11, 2017:

First Set Data Requests	August 18, 2017
Responses to DRs	September 1, 2017
Technical Session	September 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it.

As part of its proposal, Eversource intends to implement a new method for energy service procurement that would result in energy service rates effective January 1, 2018.

Eversource states that if divestiture occurs after that date, it will nonetheless procure energy service as proposed in its filing, and the generation-related costs it incurs would be accounted for in stranded costs, and subsequently securitized and recovered when divestiture is completed.

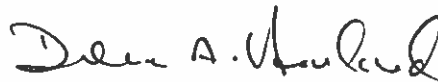
On August 14, 2017, RESA filed a letter stating its position on a number of issues related to Eversource's filing, including a request to assure that any approved procedural schedule allows for intervenor testimony, and encouraging the Commission to not implement the proposed changes for effect until divestiture is completed, and in any event not earlier than July 1, 2018, consistent with the 2015 Settlement Agreement regarding divestiture.

RSA 374-F:2, IV(d) includes as stranded costs those costs approved for recovery by the Commission "in connection with the divestiture or retirement of Public Service Company of New Hampshire's generation assets pursuant to RSA 369-B:3-a". The Commission is requesting briefs on the following question:

Do RSA 374-F:2, IV(d) and the 2015 Settlement Agreement allow the implementation of an energy procurement plan as proposed by Eversource, where generation-related costs are categorized as stranded costs, prior to divestiture of its generating assets?

Briefs are due September 1, 2017.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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