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Re: DE 17-127 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Request for Waiver of Puc 305.03
Agreed-Upon Modified Request for Waiver of Puc 305.03

Dear Attorney Fossom:

On August 15, 2017, Eversource Energy (Eversource) requested an extension of a waiver of N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 305.03 previously granted in Docket No. DE 13-215, relating to test schedules for watt-hour and demand meters. Commission Staff (Staff) filed a recommendation on September 17, in which Staff recommended denial based upon Staff's assessment that the waiver would not serve the public interest. Eversource withdrew its original request on October 17 and filed a modified request (Modified Request) on October 27, along with a "Revenue Meter Sample Testing Plan" (Proposal) with the agreement of Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA).

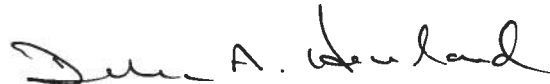
The Modified Request and Proposal are designed to create transitional criteria for the selection and testing of meters for the remainder of 2017 and calendar year 2018 pending the potential implementation of new standards in 2019. As part of this transition, Eversource will move from a testing period of October through September to one based on a calendar year in 2019. Eversource, Staff, and the OCA agreed that, if testing results for meters during that period fall within certain limits specified within the Modified Request, then Eversource may renew its request to implement new ANSI/ASQ Z1.9-2003 testing requirements beginning on January 1, 2019.

Eversource, the OCA, and Staff also agreed to two changes that require waiver of the meter testing rules. In particular, self-contained poly-phase meters assigned to a 12-year period program pursuant to Puc 305.03(c)(2) would be included in Eversource's sampling program in a manner consistent with meters under Puc 305.03(c)(1). In addition, polyphaser transformer-rated meters assigned to a 4-year periodic program under Puc 305.03(c)(4) would be moved to an 8-year program.

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The Commission has reviewed Eversource's Agreed Upon Modified Request for Waiver of Puc 305.03 and has determined that the requested waivers of the relevant provisions of Puc 305.03 would serve the public interest and would not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission, as required under Puc 201.05. Accordingly, the Commission granted Eversource's modified request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being the most prominent part.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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