

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICE RATE FOR
EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2015**

Docket No. DE 14-XXX

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH” or “the Company”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for a proceeding to adjust its default energy service rate for effect on January 1, 2015 pursuant to the requirements of RSA 374-F:3 and RSA 369-B:3. In support of its Petition, PSNH says the following:

1. Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A), customers taking default energy service from PSNH are billed a default energy service rate reflecting PSNH’s actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power, as approved by the Commission. In Order No. 25,614 (December 27, 2013) in Docket No. DE 13-275, the Commission approved an energy service rate of 8.25 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 9.23 cents per kilowatt-hour. In Order No. 25,683 (June 27, 2014) in the same docket, the Commission approved an increase to the default energy service rate to 8.89 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 9.87 cents per kilowatt-hour.

2. Enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments and exhibits of Christopher J. Goulding supporting a change in the default energy service rate. Based upon the data contained in those attachments and exhibits, PSNH currently estimates that the rate for effect on January 1, 2015 will be 8.63 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 9.61 cents per kilowatt-hour. Furthermore, in compliance with the Commission’s requirement in Order No. 25,614 (December 27, 2013) at 12-13 in Docket No. DE 13-275, PSNH

includes the testimony of Christopher A. Plecs regarding the Company's forecast with respect to customer migration. PSNH is not requesting approval of a specific rate at this time, but, consistent with past practice, the Company will update its estimates with more recent data before a hearing on the merits is held.

WHEREFORE, PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission open a proceeding, provide for an order of notice, schedule a procedural hearing where the conduct of this proceeding may be established and intervention requests ruled, and order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2014.

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