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TO: Commissioners

FROM: David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

RE: DE 15-416, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for 2016 Stranded Cost Recovery Charge Rate

HEARINGS EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I served as the presiding officer over the prehearing conference (PHC) held in the above-referenced matter on October 26, 2015.

On September 28, 2015, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition to set its average Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC) rate for effect with services rendered on and after January 1, 2016. On October 8, 2015, an Order of Notice scheduling a PHC for October 26, 2015 was issued by the Commission. The Order of Notice was published in the Union Leader on October 12, 2015, and Eversource filed an affidavit of such publication on October 21, 2015.

Appearances

Matthew J. Fossum, Esq. for Eversource
Susan W. Chamberlin, Esq. for Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA)
Suzanne Amidon, Esq. for Commission Staff

Intervention Requests

OCA participating pursuant to RSA 363:28, letter of participation filed on October 19, 2015. No other petitions to intervene were filed, and no requests for intervention were made during the PHC.

PHC Initial Positions of the Parties

Eversource briefly reiterated the arguments supporting its filing and indicated that it would seek to include the new SCRC in its rates for service rendered on and after January 1, 2016. Eversource stated the SCRC was determined initially and would be updated prior to hearing consistent with past

practice, except that the current filing contains a specific calculation of amounts to be recouped relative to its Rate Reduction Bonds, as required by the Commission's Order No. 25,815 in DE 14-120.

Staff stated that it had not yet developed a position on Eversource's SCRC rate filing. Staff indicated it would address discovery issues and develop a proposed procedural schedule for this docket during the technical session to follow the PHC. Staff committed to filing a report summarizing the results of the technical session.

The OCA was not represented at the PHC, but is expected to participate in the docket.

By: 
David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

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