

April 10, 2016

Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DE 16-241, Eversource Petition for New Tariff

Dear Ms. Howland,

I write to express my opposition to Eversource's petition as presented in DE 16-241. In this rapidly evolving energy landscape, committing ratepayers to a 20-year contract for natural gas capacity, to be paid for by a new tariff on all Eversource customers, is unacceptable.

If private shareholders were assuming the risks of this 20-year contract, they would demand considerable evidence of a reasonable payback on their investment. As we've seen too often, when costs are portioned out to the mostly unaware public, evaluation of risk is less stringent. I am reminded of the Bow scrubber, with its \$450 million stranded cost for which ratepayers are responsible. It is very possible that over the course of 20 years, ratepayers will be paying reservation fees for gas that is never used to generate electricity. As an Eversource customer, that is not a risk I am willing to take.

I do not choose to be forced to pay for an energy investment that I believe is not prudent, and I ask the PUC to represent my interests by denying the Eversource petition.

Thank you,

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