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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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RE: DE 16-542  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY:  
Annual Reconciliation of Energy  
Service and Stranded Cost for 2015.  
(Prehearing conference)

**PRESENT:** David K. Wiesner, Esq.  
(Presiding as Hearings Examiner)

Sandy Deno, Clerk

**APPEARANCES:** Reptg. Public Service Company of New  
Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy:  
Matthew J. Fossum, Esq.

**Reptg. Residential Ratepayers:**  
Donald M. Kreis, Esq., Consumer Adv.  
James Brennan, Finance Director  
Office of Consumer Advocate

**Reptg. PUC Staff:**  
Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.  
Richard Chagnon, Electric Division

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52



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**P R O C E E D I N G**

HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Good morning.

MR. FOSSUM: Good morning.

HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: I'm David Wiesner, one of the Staff attorneys here at the Commission. I've been designated to sit as Hearings Examiner for this prehearing conference this morning. This is Docket DE 16-542, Eversource Energy's Annual Reconciliation of Energy Service and Stranded Cost Recovery Charges for 2015.

Unless there are any preliminary matters that we need to attend to, I would ask the parties to enter appearances.

MR. FOSSUM: Good morning. Matthew Fossum, here for Public Service Company of New Hampshire doing business as Eversource Energy.

HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Good morning. Don.

MR. KREIS: Good morning. I am Donald Kreis, the Consumer Advocate, doing business as the Office of the Consumer Advocate, on behalf of residential utility

1 customers. The gentleman to my left is our  
2 Director of Finance, Mr. James Brennan.

3 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Good  
4 morning.

5 MS. AMIDON: Hi. Suzanne Amidon, for  
6 Commission Staff. With me today is Rich  
7 Chagnon, who's an Analyst in the Electric  
8 Division. Thank you.

9 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Good  
10 morning. It appears there were no petitions to  
11 intervene filed?

12 MS. AMIDON: We have seen none.

13 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: And there  
14 are no intervenors here this morning.

15 So, if there's nothing else to  
16 address, I would invite the Company to make a  
17 statement of its initial position.

18 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you. I don't have  
19 a lot to say this morning. We have filed  
20 our -- the Company has filed its Reconciliation  
21 of Energy Service and Stranded Cost in a manner  
22 consistent with that which it has done for a  
23 number of years now.

24 We have received some initial

1 information from the Staff about areas of  
2 inquiry that they would like to get into, and  
3 have already begun working on that.

4 And, so, we hope and anticipate that  
5 we will be able to work with both the Staff and  
6 the OCA to find an efficient resolution to this  
7 docket.

8 And that's all I have for this  
9 morning.

10 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Thank  
11 you.

12 Does OCA have a statement at this  
13 point?

14 MR. KREIS: Consistent with what  
15 Mr. Fossum just said, we look forward to  
16 working with the Company and with the Staff of  
17 the Commission. We're interested in finding  
18 out what areas of inquiry the Staff has  
19 particularly identified. We're looking forward  
20 to the technical session following the  
21 prehearing conference.

22 And we have every reason to suppose  
23 that this docket can be resolved efficiently,  
24 expeditiously, and in a manner that is fair to

1 residential utility customers.

2 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Thank  
3 you.

4 And, Ms. Amidon.

5 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. Staff has  
6 commenced its review of the filing. We have  
7 retained the assistance of a consultant who  
8 can't be here today. And, after we have  
9 conversations with our consultant, we'll be  
10 able to propose a procedural schedule. We  
11 don't have one available for discussion with  
12 the Company today, but have generally set a  
13 goal of having the hearing on this matter by  
14 the end of March 2017.

15 Having said that, we are looking  
16 forward to participating in this docket, and,  
17 as the Consumer Advocate alluded to, of  
18 expeditiously disposing of it.

19 Thank you.

20 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: So, Staff  
21 has engaged a consultant, but not able to be  
22 here this morning?

23 MS. AMIDON: That's correct.

24 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: That's

1 right. Okay. Thank you.

2 Is there anything else we need to  
3 attend to this morning, before you get started  
4 with your technical session?

5 *[No verbal response.]*

6 HEARING EXAMINERS WIESNER: Okay.  
7 Hearing none, I will proceed to close the  
8 record on the prehearing conference and file a  
9 report with the Commission. Thank you.

10 **(Whereupon the prehearing**  
11 **conference was adjourned at**  
12 **10:05 a.m., and a technical**  
13 **session was held thereafter.)**