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Debra Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Docket No. DE 14-238
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Certification of Exogenous Events

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to section III.G. of the June 10, 2015 Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement relating to Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource"), Eversource is to annually file a certification of exogenous events relating to the prior calendar year. Enclosed please find the certification as required by the Agreement. Due to an oversight, this certification was not made by March 31 as required under the Agreement. However, in that no exogenous events occurred and therefore no action is requested by Eversource, Eversource submits that the late-filing of this certification has caused no prejudice to any party or issue in the docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Matthew J. Fossum".

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Enclosure
CC: Service List

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire dba Eversource Energy

Determination Regarding PSNH's Generation Assets

Docket No. DE 14-238

Certification of Exogenous Events
Calendar Year 2017

I. Introduction

The 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement ("2015 Agreement") approved by the Commission in the docket referenced above includes Section III. G. titled "Exogenous Events" which states that Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource"):

will be allowed upon Commission approval to adjust distribution rates upward or downward as a result of Exogenous Events, as defined below. For any of the events defined as State Initiated Cost Change, Federally Initiated Cost Change, Regulatory Cost Reassignment, or Externally Imposed Accounting Rule Change PSNH will be allowed to adjust distribution rates upward or downward (to the extent that the revenue impact of such event is not otherwise captured through another rate mechanism that has been approved by the Commission) if the total distribution revenue impact (positive or negative) of all such events exceeds \$1,000,000 (Exogenous Events Rate Adjustment Threshold) in any calendar year beginning with 2015, until PSNH's next general distribution rate case.

2015 Agreement at lines 367-376.

The 2015 Agreement provides that Eversource will make an annual filing, no later than March 31 of each year until Eversource's next distribution rate case, supporting any changes necessitated by the occurrence of a defined exogenous event, or certifying that no such events occurred. This filing meets the certification obligation for 2017.

II. Eversource Certification of Exogenous Events in 2017

After review, Eversource has determined that there were no exogenous events in 2017 related specifically to Sections 12.2.1, 12.2.2, 12.2.3, 12.2.4 or 12.3 that would trigger a rate adjustment in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

For calendar year 2018, there will be an exogenous event triggered as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. On December 22, 2017, the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (the "Act") became law, which amended existing federal tax rules and included numerous provisions that

impacted corporations such as Eversource. In particular, the Act reduced the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent effective January 1, 2018. Submissions relating to this specified change, as well as changes in State tax law, were required to be submitted pursuant to the Commission's directive in Docket No. IR 18-001. Eversource's submission relating to those changes was made, and is being addressed, in Docket No. DE 18-049. The outcome of that proceeding may affect future submissions by Eversource relative to exogenous events.