

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-080

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Reconciliation of Energy Service and Stranded Costs for Calendar Year 2018

ORDER OF NOTICE

On June 3, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company) filed testimony and related exhibits in support of its proposed reconciliation of revenues and costs associated with its energy service (ES) and stranded costs recovery charge (SCRC) for the January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 reporting period.¹ Eversource's submission and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-080.html>.

This filing covers (1) the reconciliation between revenues and expenses included in the SCRC and ES charges, (2) a review of the performance of Eversource's fossil and hydro generation facilities, (3) how Eversource met its energy and capacity requirements during the period from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018, and (4) whether the costs incurred by Eversource in providing ES are the actual, prudent, and reasonable costs of providing such power pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A).

Until January 31, 2006, the reconciliation of Eversource's ES costs and revenues was included as a subset of the SCRC reconciliation, with the difference between ES costs and

¹ Consistent with the settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Docket DE 17-113, this reconciliation covers a 13-month period to account for the shift in setting the SCRC rate from January 1 to February 1.

revenues included as an adjustment to Eversource's Part 3 stranded costs. Beginning in February 2006, the ES reconciliation amounts are no longer applied to stranded costs, but rather are applied to future ES rates as directed by the Commission. *See* Order No. 24,579 (January 20, 2006).

The filing states that Eversource experienced an under-recovery of \$127.9 million in ES revenue, due primarily to the deferred Scrubber costs of \$99.7 million (*i.e.* Scrubber costs in excess of permanent rate recovery). The non-Scrubber under-recovery of \$28.2 million was transferred to the SCRC as of April 2018. This ES filing includes revenues and expenses for Eversource's hydro generation facilities from January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

In the Restructuring Agreement, the Commission categorized stranded costs into 3 parts: Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3. As of 2018, the only remaining costs are Part 2 costs, consisting of the over-market costs of power produced by Independent Power Producers (IPPs), buy-outs and buy-downs of IPP contracts approved by the Commission, and, as of April 2018, the non-Scrubber ES under-recovery. For calendar year 2018, Eversource said that the net SCRC balance was a net under-recovery of \$5.103 million, primarily due to actual above-market IPP costs being higher than forecast.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the prudence of generation outages that are reflected in Eversource's ES cost for the period; the prudence of the Company's use of its generation resources during the period, as well as the prudence of the market purchases used to supplement those resources; whether the transactions that affect ES costs were prudently conducted; and whether the Company has otherwise appropriately accounted for and reconciled its ES and stranded costs and any offsetting revenues for the period in accordance with the

Restructuring Agreement and applicable law. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on September 30, 2020 at 1:30 pm, at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the filing and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15. Members of the public who wish to access the prehearing conference may do so [by clicking here](#): **If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible.**

Parties will be provided with additional instructions prior to the prehearing conference; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, Eversource, the Staff of the Commission, and any intervenors hold a web-enabled remote technical session to review the filing; and it is

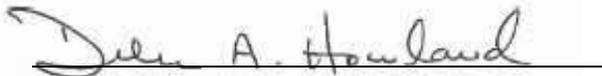
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before September 25, 2020, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding,

consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before September 30, 2020.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-third day of September, 2020.



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Executive Director

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