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Re: DE 19-105, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses
Recovery of Storm Costs from January 2018 through September 2018

Dear Attorney Fossum:

On May 31, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company) filed a petition to recover the costs of 10 storm and pre-staging events that occurred from January 2018 through September 2018. In support of its petition, Eversource filed the testimony of its analyst, Marc Lemenager. Commission Staff (Staff) filed a recommendation on January 21, 2021.

In its petition, Eversource requested that the Commission audit the costs of these storm events and approve their recovery from the Company's Major Storm Cost Reserve (MSCR) fund. Commission Audit Staff (Audit) reviewed Eversource's filing and identified four audit issues in Audit's Final Report (Final Report). Audit and Eversource resolved Audit Issues #s 1, 2, and 3 by agreeing to disallow \$9,563 in costs.

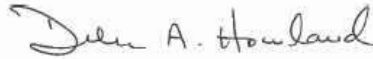
Audit and Eversource only partially resolved Audit Issue #4, in which Audit determined that costs in the amount of \$20,510 should not be recovered from the MSCR fund. Although Eversource agreed to remove \$932, there was disagreement regarding the remaining costs of \$19,578 for communications services, which Audit asserted were not related to the restoration of power. After disallowance of all costs recommended by Audit, Audit determined that Eversource was entitled to recover storm costs totaling \$18,096,907.

Staff reviewed the Final Report and identified additional communications costs in the amount of \$51,597, which Staff recommended should be disallowed. Eversource reviewed these costs with Staff and agreed to remove the \$19,578 identified by Audit and the \$51,597 identified by Staff.

After removing the additional costs of \$51,597, Staff recommended that the Commission approve Eversource's recovery of storm costs in the total amount of \$18,045,310.

The Commission has reviewed Eversource's filings and Staff's recommendation. Based on its review, the Commission has approved Eversource's recovery in the amount of \$18,045,310 from the MSCR fund, effective September 30, 2018, as well as appropriate carrying charges. This amount represents Eversource's storm costs related to storm restoration and pre-staging events from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018, which have been audited by Audit and reviewed by Staff. Eversource shall notify Staff when the Company has determined the amount of appropriate carrying charges, and it shall confirm the amount of the recovery and balance of the MSCR fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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