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RE: Docket No. DE 19-108
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for Adjustment to Stranded Cost Recovery Charge

Dear Director Howland:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and six copies of the updated testimony and attachments of Erica L. Menard setting forth Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's ("Eversource") updates to its request for an adjustment to the current Stranded Cost Recovery ("SCRC") rates for effect on February 1, 2020. On January 10, 2020, Eversource submitted testimony and attachments of Ms. Menard that included what Eversource referred to as the Ch. 340 Adder which was intended to implement 2018 N.H. Laws, Chapter 340, "AN ACT requiring the public utilities commission to revise its order affecting the Burgess BioPower plant in Berlin, ..." otherwise known as SB 577, and a related settlement agreement pending in Docket No. DE 19-142. That settlement agreement would, in relevant part, suspend the operation of the cap set by the Cumulative Reduction Factor in the power purchase agreement between Eversource and Burgess BioPower and apply the costs of that suspension on an equal cents per kilowatt hour across all customer classes.

Following the January 10 submission, Eversource engaged in additional discussions with the Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") pertaining to the SCRC filing generally and the Ch. 340 Adder specifically. Eversource understands from those discussions that there is now agreement between it, the Staff and the OCA to amend the application of the Ch. 340 Adder from what was proposed in the January 10 filing.

For ratemaking purposes, the January 10 proposal for the Ch. 340 Adder reflected only the impact of the prior year's amount over the cap set by the Cumulative Reduction Factor in the power purchase agreement between Eversource and Burgess BioPower. In this amended filing, the Ch. 340 Adder now includes the impact of the prior year's amount as well as the estimated amount for the coming year. Of note, this change is being made for ratemaking purposes only, and does not affect the underlying power purchase agreement or the settlement pending in Docket No. DE 19-142.

As described in the included testimony and attachments, this updated proposed adjustment, including the RGGI adder, would result in a decrease in the current average SCRC rates. The table below shows the current rate class specific average SCRC rates excluding the RGGI adder, and the updated rate class specific average SCRC rates excluding the RGGI adder, but including the Ch. 340 Adder, for rates to take effect from February 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

Change in Average SCRC Rates (cents/kWh)
RGGI Adder excluded, Ch. 340 Adder included

Rate Class	Current Rate (cents/kWh)	Preliminary Rate (cents/kWh)	Updated Rate (cents/kWh)
R	1.882	1.245	1.143
G	1.674	1.162	1.086
GV	1.433	0.982	0.975
LG	0.480	0.350	0.635
OL/EOL	1.685	1.427	1.280

The revisions set forth in this filing are conditioned upon the approvals of the Amended PPA between Eversource and Burgess BioPower and the Settlement Agreement between Eversource, Burgess BioPower, Commission Staff, and OCA that is pending in Docket No. DE 19-142. Should the necessary approvals not be forthcoming, then costs related to the implementation of SB 577 would need to be removed from the SCRC rates (as approval of the Amended PPA and Settlement Agreement are conditions precedent to the rate changes necessary to implement SB 577). In that case, the Company will make a compliance filing updating the SCRC rates as necessary to eliminate the impact of that law.

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

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures
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