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Dianne Martin, Chairwoman and Agency Head New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Docket No. DE 21-029, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy RE: Petition for Approval of Change in Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment Rate

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

As you know, to date the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") has not participated in the above-referenced docket, which the Commission heard on July 16, 2021 and which the Commission addressed in Order No. 26,503, entered on July 30, 2021. Order No. 26,503 approved most of the request of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") for adjustment of its Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment ("RRA") rate, but the Commission determined that Eversource had not "met its burden of demonstrating that the proposed costs for vegetation management [proposed for inclusion in the RRA] are reasonable." Id. at 4. Rather than disallow recovery of these costs outright, the Commission decided to hold the record open "for additional filings, testimony if needed, and a further hearing." Id. The Commission also indicated that it would "welcome the Office of the Consumer Advocate's involvement in those further proceedings." Id.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding dated April 28, 2000 between the OCA and the Commission, the OCA hereby notifies the Commission that it will be participating in the above-referenced matter on behalf of residential ratepayers consistent with RSA 363:28. Please add donald.m.kreis@oca.nh.gov and ocalitigation@oca.nh.gov to your service list. Please contact me if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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