

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**before the**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy**

**Docket No. DE 22-\_\_\_\_\_**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE**  
**ENERGY'S PETITION FOR RECOVERY OF STORM EXPENSES**

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for approval to recover certain storm-related expenses presently charged to the Company’s Major Storm Cost Reserve (“MSCR” or “Reserve”). More specifically, Eversource is requesting that the costs contained in this filing be audited so that the audited costs may be offset against the Reserve. In support of its petition, Eversource states the following:

1. As part of the settlement regarding restructuring in Docket No. DE 99-099, Eversource established the MSCR for the purpose of covering the incremental costs associated with severe weather events. Under the MSCR, Eversource recovers from customers through its distribution rates a specified annual amount to be applied in the event a Major Storm occurs.<sup>1</sup> Eversource simultaneously records a liability into its MSCR equal to the amount that it recovers from customers so that the recovery does not result in earnings accruing to Eversource. Costs incurred by Eversource for restoration of service during a weather event qualifying as a Major Storm are charged to the MSCR. The level of

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<sup>1</sup> A Major Storm is defined as an event that results in either: (a) 10% or more of Eversource’s retail customers being without power in conjunction with more than 200 reported troubles; or (b) more than 300 reported troubles during the event. See Order No. 25,465, at 1.

funding for the MSCR has varied over time, but since 2013 has been at a level of \$12 million annually. Pursuant to Order No. 25,465 (February 26, 2013) issued in Docket No. DE 12-320, Eversource may also charge specified pre-staging costs to the MSCR for events that do not ultimately rise to the level of a Major Storm if certain defined criteria are met.<sup>2</sup>

2. By this petition, and consistent with the Commission's March 26, 2019 secretarial letter in Docket No. DE 18-058, and the settlement agreement approved in Docket No. DE 19-057, Eversource seeks review of the costs of eight storm and pre-staging events that occurred from August 2020 through June 2021, as follows: (a) August 4, 2020 Major Storm event; (b) December 5, 2020 Major Storm event; (c) December 16, 2020 pre-staging event; (d) February 1, 2021 pre-staging event; (e) February 15, 2021 pre-staging event; (f) March 1, 2021 Major Storm event; (g) March 29, 2021 Major Storm event; (h) June 30, 2021 Major Storm event. Eversource is requesting an audit of the costs of these events so that recovery may be implemented through the MSCR. Eversource possesses and will provide upon request all information and documentation necessary to facilitate the Department of Energy's audit of these events.
3. With this petition, Eversource provides the joint testimony of Marisa B. Paruta and Dean C. Desautels to explain the costs incurred related to the Major Storm and Pre-Staging Events described above, describe the function of the Reserve, and to describe each Major Storm and Pre-Staging Event and the Company's response to such events.

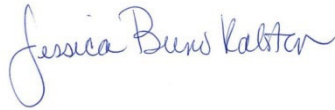
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<sup>2</sup> The Testimony of David L. Bickford filed December 19, 2012 in Docket No. DE 12-320 provides a description of the types of pre-staging costs permitted to be charged to the MSCR.

4. Of note, Eversource does not seek any adjustment to rates to account for the costs incurred related to the Major Storm and Prestaging Events. Instead, Eversource is seeking only review of the costs for recovery through the MSCR, which is the mechanism specifically designed to allow for the recovery of these costs.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition and order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
By Its Attorneys,



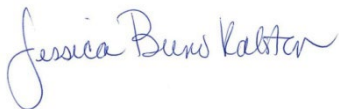
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Certificate of Service

I certify that on April 29, 2022, a copy of this petition has been electronically forwarded to the Service List in DE 21-089.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Buno Ralston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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