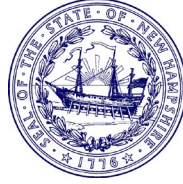


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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DE 22-031 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses [2021], *DOE Technical Statement of
Stephen R. Eckberg, Utility Analyst*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the Department of Energy (DOE's) *Technical Statement of Stephen R. Eckberg, Utility Analyst*. This is being filed pursuant to the Commission's recent *Procedural Order* (November 22, 2022). DOE construes the joint testimony Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company) filed in this docket as constituting the Company's 2021 Major Storm Cost Reserve Report ("2021 MSCR Report").

For the reasons stated in Mr. Eckberg's technical statement, DOE recommends that \$24,262 be removed from the total costs reported by the Company and that \$45,337,135 be approved for recovery, including carrying costs as of March 31, 2022. This recommendation is consistent with the DOE Audit Division's Final Audit Report, attached to Mr. Eckberg's Technical Statement as Attachment 1. The Company does not object to removing \$24,262 from its initial proposed recovery. *See Eckberg Technical Statement.*

In the event that the Commission approves and adopts DOE's recommendation, perhaps through an order *nisi*, in the opinion of DOE, no additional process and/or a hearing would be necessary, and DOE would recommend closing this docket. *See Commission's Procedural Order* (November 22, 2022) (directing Eversource to report all parties' position regarding whether additional process and/or a hearing will be necessary on or before Friday, January 13, 2023).

Respectfully Submitted,

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