

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

**REQUEST FOR TRANSMISSION COST ADJUSTMENT
MECHANISM RATE CHANGE**

Docket No. DE 24-090

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF STEVEN J. ALLEN

August 6, 2024

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and your present position.**

2 A. My name is Steven J. Allen. My business address is 56 Prospect Street, Hartford,
3 Connecticut. I am the Manager of ISO Policy at Eversource Energy Service
4 Company.

5 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

6 A. No, I have not previously testified before the Commission on behalf of Public
7 Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH” or the
8 “Company”).

9 **Q. What are your current responsibilities?**

A. I represent Eversource on several ISO New England (“ISO-NE”) and NEPOOL
stakeholder committees, including those that focus on transmission-related topics.

I am responsible for advising Eversource transmission project teams on stakeholder processes and reporting requirements. Among other things, I oversee the preparation and submission of Transmission Cost Allocation (“TCA”) filings and other project-related filings with ISO-NE, and the preparation of Eversource’s Local System Plan.

1 **Q. Please describe your educational background.**

2 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree and a Master of Science in
3 Accounting degree from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut.

4 **Q. Please describe your professional experience.**

5 A. I have experience with regulatory accounting, transmission contract
6 administration, transmission project development, and ISO-NE requirements for
7 transmission projects. I joined Eversource as an accountant supporting the shared
8 services organization, and have held positions of increasing responsibility within
9 Eversource supporting the transmission business.

10 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

11 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the transmission planning process at
12 ISO-NE and to provide a detailed description of the PSNH projects included in the

1 RNS and LNS rates¹ that have been included as part of PSNH's Transmission Cost
2 Adjustment Mechanism ("TCAM") filing consistent with the directive of Order
3 No. 25,912, dated June 28, 2016, in Docket No. DE 16-566.

4 **Q. Will anyone else be providing testimony in support of this filing?**

5 A. Yes. Yi-An Chen and James E. Mathews are filing joint testimony in support of
6 the calculation of PSNH's TCAM rate proposed to take effect October 1, 2024, as
7 well as the reconciliation of actual/forecast transmission costs through the prior
8 reconciliation period ending September 30, 2024, and to describe the year-to-year
9 change in LNS and RNS rates. Scott R. Anderson is filing testimony in support of
10 the proposed retail transmission rates calculations. In his testimony, Mr. Anderson
11 details the rates applicable to each individual rate class.

12 **Q. What information have you provided to meet the requirements of Order No.**
13 **25,912, dated June 28, 2016, in Docket No. DE 16-566?**

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15 A. The ISO-NE transmission planning process is a regionally-coordinated process
16 conducted periodically to reliably meet customer demand, ensure system stability,
17 and address asset condition needs throughout the region. Broadly speaking, there
18 is an extensive stakeholder process to review the various needs of the electrical

¹ The Regional Network Service ("RNS") rate is a FERC-approved transmission rate designed to recover on a New England regional basis the revenue requirement associated with investments in Pool Transmission Facilities ("PTF") in the region. The Local Network Service ("LNS") rate is a FERC-approved transmission rate designed to recover on an individual state basis the revenue requirement associated with investments in local transmission facilities.

1 transmission system and the potential solutions to those needs. As part of that
2 process, ISO-NE performs studies to identify where new or upgraded transmission
3 facilities may be needed, review potential transmission solutions and potential
4 market alternatives. Eventually, a preferred solution is selected by ISO-NE to
5 address the identified needs and included in the Regional System Plan. Eversource
6 employs similar methods to identify solutions to asset condition needs on our
7 existing transmission facilities, and to develop a Local System Plan to address
8 more localized needs of the electric system. All of these processes involve the
9 presentation of transmission system needs and proposed solutions to the ISO-NE
10 Planning Advisory Committee (“PAC”) or the Transmission Owner Planning
11 Advisory Committee (“TOPAC”), as appropriate.

12 Attachment SJA-1 provides PSNH’s Actual 2023 Projects in Service greater than
13 \$5 million that are included in PSNH’s RNS and LNS expenses in this filing.
14 Beginning January 1, 2022, in accordance with the settlement approved by FERC
15 on December 28, 2020 in Docket No. ER20-2054-000, each Eversource operating
16 company’s wholesale LNS costs are billed to its LNS customers within the state it
17 operates; for example, PSNH’s LNS costs are billed only to PSNH’s LNS
18 customers in New Hampshire. Attachment SJA-1 details the projects, including
19 project title, project investment amount and what portion of the project is classified
20 by ISO-NE as a PTF investment and included in RNS rates.

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2 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

3 **A. Yes, it does.**