THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 11-216

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

Request to Extend Rate ADE

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 31, 2016, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a request to extend its Rate Alternate Default Energy (ADE) in its present form either for 12 months from July 1, 2016, or until such time as Eversource has transitioned to a competitive solicitation for its default service needs consistent with the 2015 Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement (2015 Agreement) currently under review by the Commission.

Eversource stated that the current Rate ADE was established on a pilot project basis pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,488 (April 8, 2013). Rate ADE is the rate available to customers who have been receiving service from a competitive supplier and return to Eversource energy service supply. Rate ADE is set at the marginal cost of power plus an adder to recover a portion of the fixed costs associated with the flue gas desulfurization (Scrubber) system installed at Merrimack Station.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the pilot period was to run for 36 months. Rate ADE was implemented on July 1, 2013, and the pilot period is schedule to terminate on July 1, 2016. PSNH is requesting to extend Rate ADE 12 months or until such time as Eversource has transitioned to a competitive solicitation for default service as contemplated by

the 2015 Agreement filed in Docket No. DE 14-238. If the 2015 Agreement is approved, Eversource will transition from its current method of providing default service to one based on a competitive procurement after divesting its generation assets which it expects to complete in early 2017. If the 2015 Agreement is not approved, or not approved in time to allow Eversource to move to a competitive solicitation process, Eversource asked that it be allowed to extend the Rate ADE pilot period for an additional 12 months until July 1, 2017 to allow Eversource to modify Rate ADE, if necessary. Eversource is not proposing any changes to the manner in which it calculates Rate ADE in this filing. Eversource stated that both Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, other parties to the settlement agreement creating Rate ADE, agree to the proposal to extend the rate as requested by Eversource.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2011/11-216.html.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the continuation of Rate ADE as proposed by Eversource is in the public interest and results in just and reasonable rates pursuant to RSA 378:3 and 378:7. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that a Hearing, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on May 31, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.; and it is

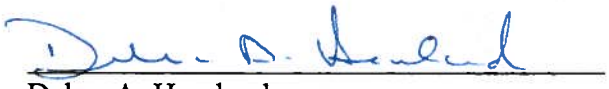
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of

this Order of Notice no later than May 12, 2016, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before May 27, 2016; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before May 27, 2016, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before May 31, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifth day of May, 2016.



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