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Re: DE 18-068, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Tariff Amendment Re: Electric Assistance for Outdoor Lighting

To the Parties:

On April 23, 2018, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a proposal to amend the terms of its tariff relating to Residential Electric Assistance Program Rate EAP and outdoor lighting accounts. According to Eversource, the Electric Assistance Program Advisory Board determined that it would be appropriate for Eversource to end the application of the EAP discount to outdoor lighting accounts that are separately metered, a practice that has been in effect since 2002. In conformance with the Advisory Board's determination, Eversource is proposing to end its practice of aggregating a residential service account with a separate account for outdoor lighting and applying the relevant EAP discount to the aggregated bill, effective August 1, 2018. Eversource anticipates little impact to its revenue from the change but will contact each of the 148 customers who will be affected by removing the EAP discount on their outdoor light service.

On May 21, 2018, Staff filed a recommendation that the Commission allow the tariff to go into effect and confirming that Eversource's proposal is consistent with the Advisory Board's determination that separately metered outdoor lighting service should be considered a separate account and not eligible for the EAP discount. Staff also noted that Unitil and Liberty separately meter outdoor lighting service and do not apply the EAP discount to those accounts.

The Commission has approved the proposed tariff amendment removing the application of Rate EAP to Outdoor Lighting Delivery Service Rate OL and will allow 1st Revised Page 48 to go into effect as filed on August 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Docket File/Service List (Electronically)