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Re: DE 18-030, Public Service Co. of N.H. d/b/a Eversource Energy
Line Extension Tariff Update

Dear Attorney Fossum:

On March 1, 2018, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed an update to its line extension policy and tariff pages to become effective April 1, 2018. The filing was made pursuant to a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,046 (November 20, 2009) whereby the Settling Parties agreed to update the methodology used to calculate the average per-foot costs of line extensions based on construction type (overhead and underground). Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Eversource updates the per-foot annually based on the average costs of single-phase line extensions over the most recent prior three years.

After discussions with the Office of the Consumer Advocate and Staff, Eversource updated the per-foot costs and related tariff pages on March 26, 2018. The updated calculations resulted in the per-foot cost of \$25.20 for overhead single-phase extensions, an increase of \$1.52 over the current rate. Eversource calculated a per-foot cost of \$14.93 for single-phase underground line extensions, an increase of \$0.28 from the current rate. Charges for three-phase overhead and underground line extensions will continue to be based on customer-specific job requirements.

On March 27, 2018, Staff filed a memorandum supporting the updated tariff filing. Staff reported that Eversource used appropriate methodology in calculating the per-foot costs and recommended that the tariff be allowed to take effect on April 1, 2018. Staff reported that the Office of Consumer Advocate agrees with its recommendation.

The Commission has reviewed Eversource's tariff filing and Staff's recommendation, and has determined that the proposed tariff changes are just and reasonable. Accordingly, the revised tariff pages are approved effective as of April 1, 2018, and tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. 18-030.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List (electronically)