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Re: DE 20-025, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Line Extension Rate Adjustment Filing

## Dear Attorney Fossum:

On February 28, 2020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed an update to its line extension policy, along with tariff pages proposing new rates for line extension services effective April 1, 2020. Eversource filed the updated policy and accompanying rates pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement approved in Order No. 25,046 (November 20, 2009) in Docket No. DE 08-135.

The settlement agreement approved in Order No. 25,046 requires Eversource to update its line extension costs on an annual basis. Revised rates are calculated based on the average cost per foot for single-phase line extensions completed in the prior three calendar years. The resulting per foot rate is then adjusted for inflation, using the applicable annual Consumer Price Index. Using this methodology, Eversource calculated an increase in the per-foot cost for overhead single-phase extension from \$27.13 to \$29.51, for effect on April 1, 2020. For single-phase underground line extensions, the costs will increase from \$15.36 to \$16.22 per foot. Charges for three-phase overhead and underground line extensions will continue to be based on customer-specific job requirements.

Staff filed a memorandum on March 12, 2020 recommending that the Commission approve the new line extension rates. Based on its review, Staff determined that Eversource's methodology and calculations were consistent with the settlement agreement in Docket No. 08-135 and that the resulting rate adjustments, for effect on April 1, 2020, are just and reasonable.

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The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation. Accordingly, pursuant to RSA 378:3 and N.H. Admin. R., Puc 1603.07(a), Eversource's proposed revisions to Pages 26 and 27 of its tariff are approved, effective April 1, 2020. Eversource shall file with the Commission an updated electronic copy of its newly revised tariff pages, as required by Puc 1603.05(d).

Sincerely,

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cc: Service List (Electronically)

Docket File

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