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Re: DE 19-057, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Notice of Intent to File Permanent Rate Schedules

Granting Motion to Accept Updated Testimony of Witnesses Dudley and Mullinax

To the Parties:

On July 16, 2020, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a motion requesting the Commission to allow the updated testimony of Staff witnesses Jay Dudley and Donna Mullinax be entered into the record of the above-captioned proceeding. With its motion, Staff filed Mr. Dudley's updated testimony and accompanying attachments, as well as Ms. Mullinax's supplemental testimony and attachments, which include Staff's Audit Report completed on March 25, 2020.

In its motion, Staff noted that Ms. Mullinax had reserved the right in her initial testimony to update the revenue requirement calculation based on the findings of Staff's audit of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's (Eversource) historical test year results. During the additional time allotted in this docket as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Commission's extension of the proceeding deadline in Order No. 26,363, issued on June 16, 2020, Staff stated that Mr. Dudley had an opportunity to consider the findings of Staff's Audit Report, rebuttal testimony, and associated discovery, which resulted in changes to his initial testimony filed in December 2019. Staff represented that the Staff Audit Report and Mr. Dudley's updated testimony, among other things, led Ms. Mullinax to supplement her initial testimony. Further, Staff noted that the Commission, in Order No. 26,363, ordered Eversource to update its testimony on capital structure and return on equity, which Eversource did on July 16, 2020.

According to Staff, allowing Mr. Dudley and Ms. Mullinax to update their testimony at this time, rather than waiting until the hearing in this matter, would serve the public interest and promote the orderly process of this docket. None of the parties filed a response to Staff's motion. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.07(e).

The Commission grants Staff's motion to accept the updated testimony and related attachments of Mr. Dudley and Ms. Mullinax. Therefore, their updated testimony and attachments shall be entered into the record.

Sincerely,

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