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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DE 24-035, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy 2024 Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment Update Regarding Third Party "Audit Sampling" Status

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In accordance with the Commission's Order *Nisi* No. 27,021 (the "Order") issued on June 20, 2024, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company") hereby provides this status update regarding the third party "audit sampling" directed by the Commission to be arranged for by the Company.

The Company has engaged its long-term auditor, Deloitte and Touche LLP ("Deloitte"), to perform the relevant scope of work, which will involve an "agreed-upon procedures" approach in which Deloitte will conduct limited sampling and review of supporting information and calculations related to three Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment ("RRA") cost components: (1) vegetation management expenses, (2) property tax expenses, and (3) lost base revenue from net metering calculations.

The Company is aware that both the Department of Energy ("DOE") and the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") have requested that the Commission revise the Order to remove the third party "audit sampling" requirement. The Company does not take a position on the DOE's and OCA's recommendation, but respectfully requests that, if the Commission intends to so revise the Order to remove that requirement, it do so prior to August 8, 2024, so that Deloitte's performance of such work can be terminated in a timely fashion and with a minimum of cost expenditure by the Company, given that any such costs will be subject to recovery from customers through a future RRA or other rate filing.

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Sincerely,

/s/ David K. Wiesner
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cc: DE 24-035 Service List