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#### Via electronic mail only

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

**RE:** Docket No. DE 24-070 Request for Change in Distribution Rates Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Affidavit of newpaper publication of Order No. 27,029

#### Chairman Goldner:

In accordance with the Commission's Order No. 27,029 dated June 28, 2024 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy published a copy of said Order for the above-captioned docket in the New Hampshire Union Leader on July 1. Attached is an affidavit of publication from the Union Leader as well as a copy of the publication itself.

Consistent with current Commission policy this filing is being made electronically only; paper copies will not follow. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Jessica A. Chiavara

Regards

Senior Counsel, Eversource Energy

Attachment

cc: 24-070 Service List

### UNION LEADER CORPORATION

PO BOX 9555 MANCHESTER, NH 03108

### **PUBLISHER'S CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF New Hampshire ss: COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Personally appeared before the undersigned, a notary public within and for said county and State, ROSA GONZALEZ publisher representative of the New Hampshire Union Leader, a newspaper published at Hillsborough County, State of New Hampshire who, being duly sworn, state on oath that the advertisement of: DE 24-070 Ad# 26621

**EVERSOURCE** 

(Name of Institution)

a true copy of which is hereto annexed, was published in said newspaper on the following dates: 07/01/2024, , ,

Publisher Representative

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day 07/01/2024

My commission expires: 02

(Seal)

### **Legal Notice**

### NOTICE OF

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Douglas Sagar** to Northeast Credit Union, which Mortgage is dated September 21, 2006 and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds on September 25, 2006 at Book 4711, Page 2502, pursuant to and in execution of said power of sale and for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage, to wit: nonpayment of principal and interest when due, Northeast Credit Union will sell all of its right, title and interest in and to the Mortgaged Premises, known as 515 Winnacunnet Road, Unit 11, Hampton, Rockingham County, New Hampshire 03842 and described in said Mortgage at PUBLIC AUCTION on

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 At 11:00 A.M. on the premises located at 515 Winnacunnet Road, Unit 11, Hampton, Rockingham County, New Hampshire 03842

Mortgagee makes no representation as to the accuracy or correctness of the above address. A copy of the Mortgage instrument may be examined by any interesteď person at Kalil & LaCount, 681 Wallis Road, Rye, New Hampshire, (603) 964-1414, during business

To the Mortgagor or any other person claiming a lien or encumbrance against the Mortgaged Premises: YOU ARE HEREBY NO-TIFIED THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PETITION THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGED PREM-ISES ARE SITUATED. WITH SERVICE UPON THE MORTGA-GEE, AND UPON SUCH BOND AS THE COURT MAY REQUIRE, TO ENJOIN THE SCHEDULED FORE-CLOSURE SALE. FAILURE TO INSTITUTE SUCH PETITION AND COMPLETE SUCH SERVICE UPON THE MORTGAGEE CON-DUCTING THE SALE PRIOR TO SALE SHALL THEREAFTER BAR ANY ACTION OR RIGHT OF AC-TION OF THE MORTGAGOR BASED ON THE VALIDITY OF THE FORECLOSURE.

The name and address of the mortgagee for service of process is Northeast Credit Union, 100 Borthwick Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801. The mortgagee's agent for service of process is Richard R. Rousseau, Kalil & LaCount, 681 Wallis Road, Rye, New Hampshire 03870.

FOR INFORMATION ON GET-TING HELP WITH HOUSING AND FORECLOSURE ISSUES, PLEASE CALL THE FORECLOSURE IN-FORMATION HOTLINE 1-800-437-5991. THE HOTLINE IS A SERVICE OF THE NEW HAMP-SHIRE BANKING DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CALL. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BANKING DEPARTMENT AT: 53 REGIONAL DRIVE, SUITE 200, CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301 OR ON ITS WEBSITE AT: https://www.b anking.nh.gov/ OR VIA EMAIL AT

nhbd@banking.nh.gov.
LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES: The sale of the Mortgaged
Premises will be subject to any and all easements, unpaid taxes, prior liens, other encumbrances or restrictions and conditions whether or not of record, which may be entitied to precedence over the

mortgage.

NO WARRANTIES: The Mortgaged Premises shall be sold by the Mortgagee and accepted by the successful bidder "AS IS" and WHERE IS" with all faults. Except for warranties arising by operation of law, the conveyance of the Mortgaged Premises will be made by the Mortgagee and accepted by the successful bidder therefor without any express or implied warranties whatsoever, including without limitation, any representations or warranties with respect to title, possession, permits, approvals, recitations or acreage, hazardous materials and condition. All risk of physical loss or damage to the Mortgaged Premises shall be assumed by and borne by the successful bidder immediately after the closing of the bidding.

TERMS OF SALE: Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars cash or certified check or other funds acceptable to mortgagee or agent at the time of sale; balance within thirty days, or on delivery of deed, at option of mortgagee. Mortgagee reserves the right to change terms of sale at sale or to add additional terms and to qualify some or all

Dated this 31st day of May, 2024 NORTHEAST CREDIT UNION By its attorneys, KALÍL & LaCOUNT By: <u>/s/ Richard R. Rousseau</u> Richard R. Rousseau 681 Wallis Road Rye, New Hampshire 03870 (603) 964-1414 (UL - June 24; July 1, 8)

### **Public Notices**

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# **Legal Notice**

THE STATE OF **NEW HAMPSHIRE** JUDICIAL BRANCH SUPERIOR COURT

Hillsborough Superior Court Northern District 300 Chestnut Street Manchester NH 03101 Telephone: 1-855-212-1234 TTY/TDD Relay: (800) 735-2964 http://www.courts.state.nh.us

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE Superior Court Rule 4(d) Case Name: Abraham Borey The Heirs of Raymond E. Cate

Case Number: **216-2024-CV-00322** Date Complaint Filed: April 25,

A Complaint to Quiet Title to a certain tract of land with any attached buildings located in

Hillsborough, in the State of New

Hampshire has been filed with this court. The property is described as certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Hillsborough and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a large stone on the southerly side of the old road leading from the Foundry, so-called, to the Hillsborough Lower Village, at land formerly of Charles D Robbins, later owned by William H Manahan, Jr., at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein conveved: Thence Southerly by said Manahan land to the highway which was formerly a part of Route #9; Thence easterly by said highway to the southwesterly corner of land formerly of John H Grimes, now of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Thence northerly by said Public Service Company land to said old road leading from the Foundry, so-called, to Hillsborough Lower Village; Thence westerly by said last mentioned road to the place of beginning.

The Court ORDERS: Abraham Borey shall give notice to The Heirs of Raymond E. Cate of this action by publishing a verified copy of this Citation for Publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Union Leader, a newspaper of general circulation. The last publication shall be on or before July 26, 2024.

Also, ON OR BEFORE 30 days after the last publication - The Heirs of Raymond E. Cate shall electronically file an Appearance and Answer or responsive pleading with this court. A copy of the Appearance and Answer or other responsive pleading must be sent electronically to the party/parties listed below.

August 16, 2024 - Abraham Borey shall electronically file the Return of Publication with this Court. Failure to do so may result in this action being dismissed without further notice.

Notice to The Heirs of Ray-

mond E. Cate: If you are working with an attorney, they will guide you on the next steps. If you are going to represent yourself in this action, go to the court's website: www.courts.state.nh.us, select the Electronic Services icon and then select the option for a selfrepresented party. Complete the registration/log in process then select "I am filing into an existing case". Enter the case number above and click Next. Follow the instructions to complete your fil-

Once you have responded to the Complaint, you can access documents electronically filed through our Case Access Portal by going to <a href="https://odypa.nhecourt">https://odypa.nhecourt</a> .us/portal and following the instructions in the User Guide. In that process you will register, validate your email, request access and approval to view your case. After your information is validated by the court, you will be able to view case information and documents filed in your case.

If you do not comply with these requirements, you will be considered in default and the Court may issue orders that affect you without your input.

Send copies to: Robert R. Howard, III, ESQ, Robert Howard Law Office, 168 Maple St, PO Box 900, Henniker, NH 03242

BY ORDER OF THE COURT June 11, 2024

W. Michael Scanlon Clerk of Court

(UL - June 17, 24; July 1)

# **Legal Notice**

### **Public Notice**

Friends of Aine, a private non-profit at 226 Coolidge Avenue, Manchester, NH is providing this notice in compliance with NHRSA 7:19-a. II(d) in connection with paying compensation to David Phillips in exchange for services. David Phillips shall be compensated at a rate of Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) per hour for twelve (12) hours per week. David Phillips serves on the Board of Directors of Friends of Aine. The transaction will be for over \$5,000.00 per year. (UL - July 1)

## **Legal Notice**

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DE 24-070 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a **EVERSOURCE ENERGY** Request for Change in Distribution Rates **Commencement of Adjudicative** 

Proceeding

ORDERNO.27,029

June 28, 2024

This order provides notice that the Commission received a request for general increases in distribution rates from Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company). Among other things, Eversource requests permission to increase its distribution revenues by approximately \$181.9 million for effect August 1, 2024, through increases to the distribution portion of the Company's rates. For residential customers, Eversource seeks to increase distribution rates by approximately 46.82 percent, with a 16.89 percent increase impact on total residential bills from permanent rates, with further increases potentially to follow as part of its proposed performance-based ratemaking plan and other proposed

rate programs.
In this order, the Commission commences an adjudicative proceeding to evaluate Eversource's request; suspends Eversource's proposed Tariffs for a period of 12 months pending further investigation; schedules a prehearing conference on the rate case on <u>July</u> 22. 2024, at 1:00 p.m.; and schedules a hearing on Eversource's request for temporary rates on July 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The Commission also schedules further prehearing conferences and hearings for this proceeding within this order.

I. BACKGROUND

Eversource is an electric distribution utility serving customers in every County in New Hampshire. Eversource's most recent full rate case was assessed in Docket No. DE 19-057. In that rate case, the Commission approved a distribution rate increase of approximately \$45 million, based on an initially-proposed test year 2018 revenue requirement of approximately \$436.2 million. See Order No. 26,433 (December 15, 2020), at 1-3. In addition, three step adjustments for the Company's capital additions placed in service were authorized by the Commission, for effect on January 1, 2021 (\$10.6 million, for calendar year 2019 plant), Order No. 26,439 (December 23, 2020); August 1, 2021 (\$11.1 million, for 2020 plant); Order No. 26,504 (July 30, 2021); and November 1, 2022 (\$8.9 million, for 2021 plant); Order No. 26,709 (October 20, 2022).

On June 11, 2024, Eversource filed a petition requesting that the Commission set temporary and permanent distribution rates to increase its normalized test year 2023 distribution revenues of \$438.26 million by \$76.69 million through temporary rates, and overall through permanent rates, subject to recoupment, by \$181.9 temporary rates, and million, on a total Company rate base of approximately \$1.692 billion. See Eversource Rate Case Filing, Bates Pages 1492, 1494, 1507, 1638, 1639.

Eversource, as part of its petition, also requested Commission approval of a four-year performance-based ratemaking (PBR) plan, which incorporates technically- complex quantitative features that differ from traditional cost-of-service regulation as currently practiced in New Hamprecovery in base rates, rather than through reconciling mechanisms, of costs associated with property taxes, vegetation management, long-term debt for storm costs, rate case expense, and the Pole Plant Adjustment Mechanism; (ii) revenue cap formula; (iii) supplemental capital mechanism (referred to by the Company as 'K-bar'); (iv) a purported elimination of Lost Base Revenue; (v) a Company-proposed commitment to not file another among others. The Company also claims that it is phasing out Revenue Decoupling, if the PBR were to be implemented. Eversource Rate Case Filing, Bates Pages 19,598 to 19,599. The PBR mechanism, if adopted, would adjust the Company's revenuerequirement calculations and resultant distribution rates going forward on the basis of the PBR's internal formulae and variable inputs. Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 1343 to 1433; 1760 to 1771; 1772 to 1911. These variable inputs, styled by the Company in its proposal as "Performance Metrics," would be tracked by the Company as part of an approved PBR and in-putted into the PRB formulae to generate revenue-requirement, and rate, outputs. Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 1912 to 1943. These "Performance Metrics" are grouped by the Company as "Customer Satisfaction," "Solar Generator," "Operations-Customer Work Request," and "Active Demand Response." *Id.*; see also

Bates Pages 1944 to 1946. The Company also presented a Solutions (DSP), also described generically by Eversource in its Petition as a grid modernization and resilience program," for Commission approincluding various infrastructure- development elements such as solar photovoltaic installations to be owned by Eversource, and to be proposed and built by the Company at some unspecified times in the future. and at unspecified cost. See Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 1948-2012. Eversource also proposes ancillary new programs as part of its rate case petition, including a "Fee Free Credit/Debit Card Payment Op-tion," and "New Start Arrears Forgiveness Program." See Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 2249- 2264. Eversource also proposes further adjustments to its vegetation management program and Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment structures within the proposed PBR framework. Eversource Rate Case Filing, Bates

Pages 19,601 to 19,602. In support of its petition, Eversource filed the direct testi-mony of its outgoing President of New Hampshire Electric Operations, Mr. Douglas W. Foley (who is being transferred to serve as the President of Electric Operations at the Company's Massachusetts affiliate as of July 7, 2024), the new incoming President of New Hampshire Electric Operations, Mr. Robert S. Coates, Jr., and Mr. Douglas P. Horton, Vice President, Distribution Rates & Regulatory Requirements of Eversource's parent company/service company affiliate, along with the pre-filed direct testimonies and attachments of various of the Company's executives, personnel, and consultants, and proposed Tariff revisions associated with its various rate case proposals. Certain materials marked "Confidential" were also filed by the Company with the Commission, with no identifiable Motion for Confidential Treatment appended thereto.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2024/24-070.html.

In relation to bill impacts, the Company expects that its temporary rate proposal, if approved, would increase the typical residential ('Rate R') customer's bill (at a 600 kilowatt-hour (kWh) level of monthly usage) from \$128.35 currently to \$136.77, an increase of \$8.42 per month, or 6.56 percent. Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Page 19,479. For permanent rates, the overall impact of the Company's proposals for a 600 kWh/month residential 'Rate R' customer's bill would be an increase of 16.78 percent, or from

\$128.35 per month currently to meet its duty to provide necessary \$149.88 per month (an increase of \$21.53 per month) at the finalization of permanent rates. Ever-source Rate Case Filing at Bates Page 19,598. This reflects a proposed permanent rate increase of 46.82 percent for the Distribution component of Eversource's residential 'Rate R' bills. Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Page 19,734. Similar increases are projected by the Company for some of the other classes of Eversource customers, with rate increases and bill impacts on some commercial customer classes being significantly lower. See Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 19,588; 19,734 to 19,744.

Eversource has advised the Commission in its rate case filing that its allocation of costs to the Company's various rate classes has been informed by the results of two cost-of-services studies included in the Company's filing for assessment. Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 19,191 to 19,296; and 19,586. The Company also indicates that further increases in its rates could arise from the operation of the PBR and its other rate proposals. See, e.g., Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Pages 19,599 to 19,600.

Together with these elements, the Company also presented its proposals and supporting data for its rate case cost of capital, depreciation, operations and maintenance, Lead-Lag study, and other business-accounting quirements for Commission review

and approval. According to Eversource, the primary driver of its request is the amount of capital it has invested since its last rate case (approximately \$686.1 million) and the amount it expects to invest in the future to meet its customers' needs. See, e.g., Eversource Rate Case Filing at Bates Page 2313.

II. ISSUES PRESENTED The filing presents, inter alia, the following issues: whether the proposed adjusted rates are just not reasonable, as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and 378:7; whether the proposed temporary and permanent rate increases will yield a just and reasonable rate of return on the prudent cost of plant, equipment and capital improvements used and useful in Eversource's provision of service to the public less accrued depreciation, as required by RSA 378:27 and RSA 378:28; whether the proposed performance based rate-making/PBR, DSP, and other innovations are alternative forms of regulation and, if so, whether they meet the standards for approval in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc PART 206 and RSA 374:3-a; whether the ratemaking methodologies proposed by Eversource for its PBR plan and other rate proposals are accurate, internally consistent, and consistent with all relevant law, regulations, and Commission Orders; whether the burden of proof under RSA 378:8 is met for each rate and ratemaking methodology change proposed; and whether the DSP comports with the standards of RSA Chapter 374-G, 374-F, and other applica-

Issues related to Eversource's temporary rate request will be addressed at the temporary rates

hearing on July 25, 2024.

The rate case will be addressed at hearings within the 12-month suspension period. Givıl com Company's filing, and the need for the Commission to keep informed regarding the Company's proposals, see, e.g., RSA 374:4, the Commission reserves the right to issue record requests to the Company during the pendency of this proceeding. See RSA 365:15; 365:19. The Commission also reserves the right to issue record requests to any party filing testimony in this proceeding, to develop the Commission's understanding of their positions presented therein. *Id.* That said, the Commission does not see the need to have filed copies of outgoing or incoming discovery requests or answers in advance of testimony being filed in this proceeding, while not waiving its capability to order the provision of such materials in future Commission proceed-

As established in recent rate case proceedings also involving PBR and other technically complex features, see Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, Order No. 26,829 (May 26, 2023), the Commission anticipates that a number of hearings sessions will be necessary to give adequate due process and time for the development of the Commission's decisional record. The Commission also sees the need, in order to properly assess the Company's proposals and parties' positions regarding same, to schedule prehearing, Commission-attended technical conferences on discrete aspects of Eversource's filing. In light of this, pursuant to our authority to direct the timing and process of an adjudicatory proceeding under RSA 541-A:31 and N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc Chapter 200, and in order to provide notice and clarity to the Company and other parties to this proceeding, we hereby ORDER the following procedural schedule features for this proceeding, with dates in 2024 and 2025:

Commission-Ordered Procedural Schedule Features for DE 24-070: Prehearing Technical Conferences Regarding PBR: October 2, 3, 8, and 9 (All Day)

Prehearing Technical Conferences (Topics to be Determined): Nov. 19 and 20 (All Day)

Prehearing Technical Conferences (Topics to be Determined): Jan. 7 and 8 (All Day) Deadline for Filing of Settlement Agreement by Parties: Feb-

ruary 3, 2025 Final Hearings on the Merits: March 11, 12, 13, and 18, 2025 (All Day); March 19 and 20 (if

Necessary) Furthermore, the pre-filed testimony and filing of pre-marked exhibits processes must keep the Commission informed of the progress of the matter in a timely and orderly fashion, including how the Department of Energy (DOE) will

support to the Commission in carrying out its regulatory and adjudicative functions, see RSA 12-P:2, III, including what areas the DOE will exercise its investigatory authorities in order to provide a complete record for consideration by the Commission in this matter. See RSA 12-P:2, III.

The parties and any prospective intervenors should be prepared to discuss matters which aid in the disposition of this proceeding at the July 22, 2024 prehearing conference, including positions on interventions and confidentiality, and to file a procedural schedule proposal for the Commission's consideration, adding-in the advisable procedural schedule features beyond those delineated and ordered above, no later than August 1, 2024.

Also, the Company is hereby requested to make a survey of any materials for which it seeks confidential treatment from the Commission, pursuant to RSA Chapter 91-A and Commission rules, that it has filed with the Commission as part of this rate case filing, and file a motion for confidential treatment relating thereto, specifically identifying the information for which confidential treatment is sought, no later than July 11,

The Commission will conduct any prehearing conferences and hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room. including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

### Based upon the foregoing, it

ORDERED, that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the forgoing issues pursuant to RSA Chapter 541-A, RSA Chapter 374, RSA Chapter 378, RSA Chapters 374-F and 374-G, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc PART 206, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Eversource's proposed Tariffs are suspended for a period not to exceed 12 months, or until June 11, 2025, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(a), pending investigation and further order of the Commission;

and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Eversource shall make a survey of any materials for which it seeks confidential treatment from the Commission, pursuant to RSA Chapter 91-A and Commission rules, that it has filed with the Commission as part of Ever-source's rate case filing, and file a motion for confidential treatment relating thereto, specifically identifying the information for which confidential treatment is sought, no later than July 11, 2024; and it

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on July 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at which each party and prospective intervenor should be prepared to address any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules, Puc 203.15. Three hours shall be allotted for this prehearing conference; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Eversource shall provide live spreadsheets for all of the schedules and models in its filing, with all supporting workpapers, filed with the Commission and served on the parties on or before July 22, 2024; and it is **FURTHER ORDERED,** that

during the prehearing conference, the Commission will consider the matters listed in Puc 203.15(c) and (d), including intervention requests, the establishment of further elements of the procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding, and other matters which aid in the disposition of the proceeding; and it is **FURTHER ORDERED**, that

the Commission will hold a hearing on Eversource's request for temporary rates in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on July 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. One day shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Eversource, with the concurrence of the parties to this proceeding, shall file a procedural schedule proposal for the remaining phases of this proceeding no later than August 1, 2024, with the proviso that the below- delineated procedural schedule features shall re-

main unchanged; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that prehearing technical conferences, attended and presided over by the Commission, shall be held by the Commission at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on October 2, 3, 8, and 9, 2024 (Regarding PBR); November 19 and 20, 2024; and January 7 and 8, 2025. Each prehearing technical conference shall commence at 9:00 a.m., with the full day allotted for each; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the deadline for the filing of a Settlement Agreement by Ever-source, and other parties to this proceeding, shall be no later than February 3, 2025; and it is **FURTHER ORDERED,** that

the final hearings on the merits for Eversource's rate filing proposal shall be held by the Commission at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on March 11, 12, 13, and 18, 2025, with March 19 and 20, 2025 to be reserved on the Commission Calendar, with hear-

ings to be held on those days if necessary. Each day of hearings shall commence at 9:00 a.m., with the full day allotted for each; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Eversource and any other parties on the service list, on or before July 12, 2024. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before July 18, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <a href="https://">https://</a> www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secr etarial%20Letters/20200317-Sec Ltr-Temp- Changes-in-Filing-Req uirements.pdf, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@ puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, ex parte commu-nications are prohibited; and it is **FURTHER ORDERED**, that

ırsuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 1604.03, Eversource shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in those parts of the State where it does business no later than July 3, 2024, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before July 9. 2024: and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Eversource shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before July 9, 2024. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of June,

Daniel C. Goldner Chairman Pradip K. Chattopadhyay Commissioner Carleton B. Simpson Commissioner

(UL - July 1)

# **Legal Notice**

#### NOTIFICATION OF AQUATIC TREATMENT Lake Winnipesaukee **Tuftonboro, NH**Litude Lake Management

has been contracted by the Town of Tuftonboro to chemically treat portions of Lake Winnipesaukee (The Basin & Barvel Whang) in Tuftonboro, for control of nonnative milfoil. Portions will be treated with the USEPA/State registered herbicide Procellacor EC (Florpyrauxifen-benzyl), EPA Registration Number 67690-80 on or about Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in accordance with Special Permit SP-205 issued by the NH Division of Pesticide Control.

The following temporary water use restrictions will be imposed on the day of treatment:

• No swimming for 6 hours following treatment, within 200 feet of treated areas There are no drinking or

domestic use restrictions • Turf / established grass may

irrigated immediately after treatment

• Do not use this water for any residential or non-agricultural irrigation (such as shoreline property use for irrigation of residential landscape plants and homeowner gardens, golf course irrigation, and non-residential property irrigation around business or industrial properties) until further notice or a maximum of 7 days. Treated water shall not be used for greenhouse or nursery irrigation until further notice. These restrictions apply to all intakes within 200 feet of the treatment area, and to all wells within 50 feet of shoreline that itself is within 200 feet of a treatment area. Contact Pete Beisler at S Litude Lake Management, 590 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545, Tele-phone 508-865-1000, email NewHampshire@SolitudeLake.com for additional information on the irrigation restrictions.

The shoreline will be posted with signs warning of the temporary water use restrictions that will be imposed, immediately prior to treatment. If you have any questions concerning this treatment, contact S Litude Lake Management using the information above.

(UL - July 1, 8)