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March 27, 2019

Matthew J. Fossum
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
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Re: Docket No. DE 19-044, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy
Line Extension Rate Filing

Dear Attorney Fossum:

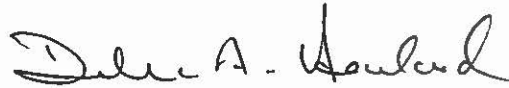
On March 1, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed an update to its line extension policy, along with tariff pages proposing new charges for line extension services effective April 1, 2019. Eversource filed the updated line extension policy and charges pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement approved in Docket No. DE 08-135. *See* Order No. 25,046 (November 20, 2009).

The settlement agreement approved in Order No. 25,046 requires Eversource to update its line extension costs on an annual basis, and to calculate charges based on the average cost per foot, by construction type, for single-phase line extensions completed in the previous three calendar years, adjusted for inflation. Using this methodology, Eversource calculated an increase in the per-foot cost for overhead single-phase extension from \$25.20 to \$27.13, for effect on April 1, 2019. For single-phase underground line extensions, the costs will increase from \$14.93 to \$15.36 per foot. Charges for three-phase overhead and underground line extensions will continue to be based on customer-specific job requirements. Eversource attributed the increase in overhead single-phase costs to changes in business practices implemented for reliability improvements which entail higher material and/or installation costs.

Staff filed a memorandum on March 7, 2019 recommending that the Commission approve the new line extension charges. Staff reviewed the filing and determined that Eversource used the appropriate methodology in calculating the charges for effect on April 1, 2019, and that the proposed charge adjustments are just and reasonable.

The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation. The Commission determined that Eversource appropriately updated its line extension policy and the charges proposed for effect April 1, 2019, and that the proposed rates are just and reasonable. Accordingly, pursuant to RSA 378:3 and N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1603.07(a), the Commission has approved Eversource's proposed revisions to Pages 26 and 27 of its tariff, effective April 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List (Electronically)
Docket File