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May 13, 2019

Matthew J. Fossum, Esq.
Eversource Energy
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Re: DE 19-057, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Amended Request for Waiver of Puc 1203.02
Grant of Waiver

Dear Mr. Fossum:

On April 26, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a Petition for Temporary Rates with supporting documents, in which Eversource seeks a temporary rate increase effective July 1, 2019. Eversource also filed a Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules on or before May 28, 2019 with regard to permanent rates.

With its temporary rate filing, Eversource filed a request for a waiver of the requirement contained in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1203.02 that it provide its customers with a notice of its temporary rate request in addition to a notice of its permanent rate request. Pursuant to Puc 1203.02(d), notice of a general rate change must be provided within 30 days of the date of filing.

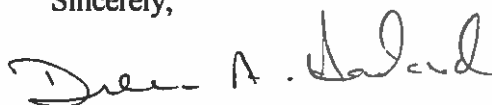
Eversource contended that a waiver of the notice requirement as to its temporary rate request would serve the public interest and would not disrupt the orderly proceeding of this matter, as required by Puc 201.05, because providing separate notices as to each rate request would be unnecessarily duplicative and potentially confusing to its customers. Commission Staff (Staff) filed a letter on May 7, 2019 recommending that Eversource's waiver request be granted, provided Eversource incorporated any changes to the notice that the Director of the Commission's Consumer Services and External Affairs Division recommended.

Eversource filed an amended waiver request on May 7, 2019, after Staff had filed its recommendation. In its amended request, Eversource stated that, in response to concerns expressed by Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate about the sufficiency of a single notice relating to permanent rates, it proposed issuing a single notice to customers on or about May 28, 2019, which would provide information about both its temporary and permanent rate requests. A copy of Eversource's proposed notice was attached to its amended waiver request. Eversource represented that Staff agreed with its

amended proposal and the content of the attached notice. It argued that using this combined notice would serve the public interest by minimizing the potential for customer confusion. In addition, Eversource asserted that the orderly conduct of the proceeding would be maintained, because its customers would receive the notice well in advance of the hearing on its request for temporary rates, now scheduled for June 18, 2019.

The Commission has reviewed Eversource's amended request for waiver of notice requirement and, in light of Staff's recommendation and approval of the attached notice, determined that the standards for waiver contained in Puc 201.05 have been satisfied. Accordingly, Eversource's request to waive Puc 1203.02 has been granted, and Eversource may use the proposed combined notice, which shall be sent to its customers no later than May 29, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being the most prominent.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List (Electronically)
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