

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Docket No. DE 15-415

**PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICE RATE FOR
EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2016**

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “the Company”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for a proceeding to adjust its default energy service (“ES”) rate for effect on January 1, 2016 pursuant to the requirements of RSA 374-F:3 and RSA 369-B:3. In support of its Petition, Eversource says the following:

1. Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A), customers taking default energy service from Eversource are billed an ES rate reflecting Eversource’s actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power, as approved by the Commission. In Order No. 25,741 (December 29, 2014) in Docket No. DE 14-235, the Commission approved an energy service rate of 9.58 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 10.56 cents per kilowatt-hour. In Order No. 25,792 (June 25, 2015) in the same docket, the Commission approved a decrease to the default energy service rate to 8.00 cents per kilowatt-hour without the inclusion of scrubber-related costs, and a total rate including scrubber-related costs of 8.98 cents per kilowatt-hour.

2. Enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments and exhibits of Christopher J. Goulding supporting a change in the ES rate. Based upon the data contained in those attachments and exhibits, Eversource currently estimates that the rate for effect on January 1, 2016 will be 10.39 cents per kilowatt-hour including scrubber-

related costs. Eversource notes that for purposes of this preliminary calculation it has not used the 0.98 “scrubber adder” that has been applied to the ES rate since April 16, 2012 consistent with Order No. 25,346 (April 10, 2012) in Docket No. DE 11-250. Instead, Eversource has used an “all in” scrubber adder reflecting the full cost recovery of the scrubber in rates as of January 1, 2016, along with start of the recovery of the deferred balance of scrubber-related costs, as contemplated by the settlement agreement presently under Commission review in Docket No. DE 14-238. Should the Commission not approve that settlement agreement, approve it after the Company’s updated ES filing in December 2015, or approve the settlement agreement with changes or conditions relating to the scrubber recovery, Eversource will either: reincorporate the 0.98 cents per kWh scrubber adder that has previously been included in the rate calculation, or otherwise adjust the proposed rate as ordered or approved by the Commission, to ensure that the ES rate is appropriately adjusted on January 1, 2016.

3. Furthermore, in continuing compliance with the Commission’s requirement in Order No. 25,614 (December 27, 2013) in Docket No. DE 13-275, Eversource includes the testimony of Daniel J. Ludwig regarding the Company’s forecast with respect to customer migration. Eversource is not requesting approval of a specific rate at this time, but, consistent with past practice, the Company will update its estimates with more recent data before a hearing on the merits is held in December.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission open a proceeding, provide for an order of notice, schedule a procedural hearing where the conduct of this proceeding may be established and intervention requests ruled, and order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September, 2015.

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