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TO: Commissioners

FROM: David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

RE: DE 15-415, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Proposed Default Energy Service Rate for 2016

HEARINGS EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I served as the presiding officer over the prehearing conference (PHC) held in the above-referenced matter on October 26, 2015.

On September 28, 2015, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition and supporting testimony containing an estimate and supporting documentation for a Default Energy Service rate applicable to customers taking service from Eversource Energy under its Default Energy Service Rate DE on and after January 1, 2016. On October 7, 2015, an Order of Notice scheduling a PHC for October 26, 2015 was issued by the Commission. The Order of Notice was published in the Union Leader on October 12, 2015, and Eversource filed an affidavit of such publication on October 21, 2015.

Appearances

Matthew J. Fossum, Esq. for Eversource
Susan W. Chamberlin, Esq. for Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA)
Suzanne Amidon, Esq. for Commission Staff

Intervention Requests

OCA participating pursuant to RSA 363:28, letter of participation filed on October 19, 2015. No other petitions to intervene were filed, and no requests for intervention were made during the PHC.

PHC Initial Positions of the Parties

Eversource stated that the proposed Default Energy Service rate was determined initially and would be updated prior to hearing consistent with past practice, except that the current filing includes an "all-

in” rate attributable to the desulphurization installation (Scrubber) at Merrimack Station, rather than the temporary Scrubber cost recovery rate previously approved by the Commission.

Staff stated that it had not yet developed a position on Eversource’s Default Energy Service rate filing, but questioned whether it was appropriate in the current rate proposal to include an “all-in” Scrubber cost recovery rate component rather than the temporary Scrubber rate approved by the Commission. Staff indicated it would address discovery issues and develop a proposed procedural schedule for this docket during the technical session to follow the PHC. Staff committed to filing a report summarizing the results of the technical session.

The OCA was not represented at the PHC, but is expected to participate in the docket.

By: 
David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

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