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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

October 26, 2015 - 10:11 a.m.
Concord, New Hampshire

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RE: DE 15-416
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY:
Petition for Adjustment to Stranded
Cost Recovery Charge.
(Prehearing conference)

PRESENT: David K. Wiesner, Esq.
(Presiding as Hearings Examiner)

Sandy Deno, Clerk

APPEARANCES: Reptg. Public Service Co. of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy:
Matthew J. Fossum, Esq.

Reptg. PUC Staff:
Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.
Grant Siwinski, Electric Division

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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STATEMENTS OF PRELIMINARY POSITION BY:

Mr. Fossum

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Ms. Amidon

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P R O C E E D I N G

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2 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Good
3 morning. I'm David Wiesner, Hearings Examiner with the
4 Commission, and I've been designated to serve as presiding
5 officer for this docket, DE 416 [15-416?], which is the
6 petition by PSNH, Public Service Company of New Hampshire,
7 doing business as Eversource Energy, for stranded cost
8 recovery charge rate to go into effect as of January 1,
9 2016.

10 I don't believe there are any pending
11 motions or interventions this morning. So, I will proceed
12 to take appearances from the parties.

13 MR. FOSSUM: Good morning. Matthew
14 Fossum, for Public Service Company of New Hampshire, doing
15 business as Eversource Energy. And, with me this morning
16 is Chris Goulding, from the Company.

17 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank you.
18 Good morning.

19 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne
20 Amidon, for Commission Staff. And, with me at counsel's
21 table is Grant Siwinski, an Analyst in the Electric
22 Division.

23 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank you.
24 Mr. Fossum, would you care to offer a statement of initial

1 position in this matter?

2 MR. FOSSUM: Yes. Consistent with what
3 we've done historically relating to our Stranded -- the
4 Company's Stranded Cost Recovery Charge, we have filed for
5 a proposed Stranded Cost Recovery Charge rate for effect
6 on January 1, 2016. It's been calculated and presented in
7 much the same way as it has historically been done.

8 I suppose, really, the only matter
9 that's a little bit different in this one is that, in the
10 Company's last reconciliation docket, DE 14-120, the
11 Commission had issued an order relative to the recoupment
12 of certain rate reduction bond costs. The recoupment of
13 those funds, of those costs, is included in this
14 calculation consistent with the Commission's order.

15 And, with that said, we look forward to
16 working with the Staff and the OCA to go over any issues
17 in the docket, and including the one that I've just
18 described.

19 And, consistent with past practice, we
20 will be updating this rate close to the date of the
21 hearing, and at that time would ask for a permanent rate
22 for the -- that the Commission approve then a permanent
23 rate for effect on January 1, 2016. Thank you.

24 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank you.

1 Ms. Amidon.

2 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. Staff has just
3 begun to review the filing. And, we will be conducting
4 discovery and further discussions with the Company.

5 We have a proposed procedural schedule
6 that we've distributed to the parties. And, we'll be
7 reporting the results of the technical session to the
8 Commission after the hearing this morning.

9 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: And, we do
10 expect the OCA to participate, but they're not here this
11 morning?

12 MS. AMIDON: Yes. I should say that the
13 OCA did file a letter of participation. However, there's
14 a proceeding going on in Room A, and I know that they are
15 involved in that. And that, I expect, is the reason why
16 we don't see anyone from the office here this morning.

17 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank you.
18 Are there any other matters we need to address before you
19 begin your technical session?

20 MS. AMIDON: No.

21 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Okay. Thank
22 you.

23 I will close the record on this
24 prehearing conference, and wish the parties good luck in

1 the technical session. Thank you.

2 **(Whereupon the prehearing conference was**
3 **adjourned at 10:15 a.m., and a technical**
4 **session was held thereafter.)**

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