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Debra Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: DE 18-XXX
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

2018 Energy Service Solicitation

Dear Director Howland,

On December 29, 2017, in Docket No. DE 17-113, the Commission issued Order No. 26,092 approving a settlement specifying the method for Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) to transition from its traditional method of procurement of energy for its default Energy Service (“ES”) rate, to one based upon competitive solicitation. Relevant to this submission, in that settlement the new ES rate was to take effect within approximately 90 days following the closing on the sale of Eversource’s thermal generating assets. The settlement set out a proposed representative schedule for ES procurement and subsequent rate approval, presuming that the sale of the thermal assets was to occur by the end of 2017 and that a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) could be issued by January 5, 2018. Based upon that schedule, the new ES rate would take effect on April 1, 2018.

The closing on the thermal assets was delayed until January 10, 2018, and, as a result, the issuance of the RFP is occurring on January 12, 2018, rather than January 5. The brief delay in the issuance of the RFP from the schedule set out in the settlement agreement, however, does not require any delay in the implementation of the new ES on April 1, 2018. Accordingly, Eversource provides the below schedule (which is substantially the same as that included in the settlement in Docket No. DE 17-113) as the schedule it proposes for implementing the new ES rate on April 1, 2018 as contemplated in the settlement in Docket No. DE 17-113 and Order No. 26,092.

Issue RFP	Jan 12, 2018
Final Bids Due - 10 AM	Feb 7, 2018
Award Group Selected - 3 PM	Feb 7, 2018

Transaction Confirmations Executed & Financial Assurance In-Place	Feb 8, 2018
NH PUC Filing	Feb 9, 2018
NU PUC Hearing	Feb 14, 2018
Requested PUC Decision - <i>No Later Than</i>	Feb 22, 2018
Service Begins	Apr 1, 2018

Eversource requests that the Commission open a docket and issue an order of notice providing for a process and hearing in line with the schedule proposed above for the efficient implementation of a new competitive procurement of energy for its customers. Thank you for your assistance with this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Cc: D. Maurice Kreis, Consumer Advocate, NH OCA