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Debra Howland **Executive Director** New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Docket No. DE 18-002 RE: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy 2019 Energy Service Solicitation

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Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed please find the Petition of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") for its competitively procured default Energy Service ("ES") rate proposed for February 1, 2019. Consistent with the settlement agreement in Docket No. DE 17-113, Eversource has procured ES for customers in its Large and Small customer groups for the period of February 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019.

Accompanying this Petition is the testimony of Frederick B. White and Christopher J. Goulding explaining the competitive RFP process used by Eversource for procuring ES, the results of the solicitation, and the required adjustments that have led to the retail rates proposed to be charged to Eversource's ES customers. Consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.06 and 201.07 certain of the information relating to the RFP and the responses to it is being filed confidentially with the Commission.

Additionally, on December 4, 2018 in this docket Eversource filed a series of documents for Commission review relating to the recently-enacted RSA chapter 362-H resulting from the General Court's passage of Senate Bill 365 ("SB 365"). As with that submission, Eversource requests that the Commission bifurcate Eversource's 2019 energy service proceeding into two parts - one to consider the matters contained in its December 4, 2018 submission relating to SB 365, and a second for the expeditious consideration of the Company's proposed ES rate for effect on February 1, 2019 as filed herein. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Matthew J. Fossum Senior Counsel

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