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Re: Docket No. DE 19-057
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules
Request for Waiver of Notice

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 26, 2019, Public Service Co. of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed testimony, exhibits, schedules and other information in support of a temporary rate increase in distribution rates effective July 1, 2019, pending a full rate review. With the filing, Eversource requested a waiver of the notice requirement in N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 1203.02.

Pursuant to Puc 1203.03 (c) and (d), public utilities are required to provide each of its customers a clear statement of rate schedules in connection with any petition for a general rate change, such notice to be provided no later than 30 calendar days from the date of the filing.

Eversource plans to file a petition for a permanent adjustment to distribution rates on or about May 28, 2019, retroactive to July 1 as well. Pursuant to the above-referenced rule, Eversource would be required to file two notices, one for the temporary rate petition and one for the permanent rate petition.

To avoid unnecessary duplication and potential confusion, Eversource requested that the Commission grant its request for a waiver from the notice requirement as it pertains to the temporary rate request. Eversource would comply with the requirement to distribute the required notice as it relates to the permanent rate submission.

Staff has reviewed the waiver request, and agrees that the notice requirement can be fulfilled by filing a single notice. Staff supports the request for a waiver of Puc 1203.03, provided that Eversource

incorporate any changes to the notice recommended by the Director of the Commission's Consumer Services and External Affairs Division.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne G. Amidon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Suzanne G. Amidon
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