

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

DE 19-057

Request for Change in Rates

DE 21-029

Petition for Approval of Change in Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment Rate

Procedural Order Re: January 14, 2022 Hearing

On December 15, 2021, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition in Docket No. DE 19-057 requesting, among other things, an adjustment to its base distribution rates to recover \$1,077,356 in costs associated with its “New Start – Arrears Management” program. Recovery of this amount was permitted by Section 13.3 of the settlement agreement on permanent distribution rates, which the Commission approved in Order No. 26,433 (December 15, 2020) (Settlement Agreement). Eversource asked the Commission to schedule an expedited hearing and to approve its petition no later than January 24, 2022, for the rate adjustment to become effective February 1, 2022.

In Docket No. DE 21-029, Eversource filed a petition on December 15, 2021 requesting the Commission to approve a revised Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment Rate (RRA), a component of Eversource’s distribution rates established in the Settlement Agreement, which would refund approximately \$850,000 in vegetation management costs. Eversource noted that the Commission had approved the RRA on an interim basis in Order No. 26,503 (July 30, 2021), but had held the record open to resolve issues, which included “the appropriate amounts for recovery of vegetation management costs.” *See id.*

at 4. Eversource stated that, based on its review of vegetation management costs, it determined that this amount had been incorrectly included in the RRA calculation and should be returned to Eversource customers. It asked the Commission to schedule a hearing in time to approve the proposed RRA adjustment for effect on February 1, 2022.

The petitions filed by Eversource on December 15, 2021 in both of the above-captioned matters seek adjustments to rates effective February 1, 2022. Accordingly, the Commission has scheduled a hearing on both petitions on Friday, January 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. See N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.19. The January 14, 2022 hearing shall be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached supplemental order of notice and hearing guidelines. Four hours are allotted for this hearing. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

So ordered, this twenty-third day of December, 2021.



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