

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Streetlighting Tariff Adjustment for Advanced Lights and Lighting Controls

Docket No. DE 21-XXX

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE
ENERGY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS
STREETLIGHTING TARIFF**

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 202.01 and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) petitions the Commission to revise its streetlighting tariff to implement a new rate offering, Rate EOL-2, to allow for the installation of advanced lights and lighting controls. In support of this Petition, Eversource states as follows:

1. On May 28, 2019, the Company submitted its permanent rate case filing in Docket No. DE 19-057. Following extensive process and based upon discussions with all parties to the docket, a comprehensive settlement (the “Settlement”) was reached between all parties and filed on October 9, 2020. Hearings on that settlement were held on October 26, 27, and 29, 2020 and on December 15, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 25,433 approving the Settlement.

2. Relevant to this filing, Section 14 of the Settlement, establishes a number of requirements for Eversource related to the implementation of new or amended streetlight offerings under its tariff. Specifically, the Settlement provided that Eversource would: (a) adjust the assumed hours of operation under Rate OL and Rate EOL; (b) amend Rate EOL to include language allowing for advanced lighting controls; and (c) establish a new rate offering that aligns

more closely with the language of the Liberty Utilities LED-2 rate to allow additional flexibility and options for municipalities to install advanced lights and lighting controls, and to allow municipalities to own and maintain the streetlights in their communities. By this Petition, Eversource is seeking to implement this final tariff offering, item (c), that Eversource has designated as Rate EOL-2.

3. As noted in the Settlement, a framework for the new rate offering was set out in Appendix 8 to the Settlement. Beginning with that framework, and building with the language of the Liberty Utilities tariff, Eversource has established its proposal for Rate EOL-2 that will not only permit advanced lights and lighting controls, but also will allow municipalities to own and maintain the streetlights, should they elect to do so.

4. Included with this Petition is the testimony of Edward A. Davis, Eversource's Director of Rates, explaining the new tariff offerings. Also, under the Settlement Eversource was to collaborate with interested parties on the development of the final language. The accompanying testimony notes that discussions were held with the Commission Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and representatives of Clean Energy New Hampshire in the development of this proposal. Additionally, pursuant to the Settlement, at the time of the submission of this new tariff offering, the Company was to specify the dates for implementing the changes described in (a) and (b) above. The attached testimony describes the implementation dates and timelines for each of the new streetlight changes.

5. Through this Petition, Eversource seeks approval of the proposed new and amended offerings that will provide more flexibility to streetlighting customers and allow them to implement new controls and to use the most up-to-date lighting technologies. Ultimately, implementing these changes will make new, innovative and cost-saving benefits Eversource's

streetlighting customers. Eversource requests that the Commission undertake its review as necessary and appropriate and approve the proposed changes.

WHEREFORE, Eversource's respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Open a docket to review and approve Eversource's proposed streetlighting changes;
- and
- B. Grant such further relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
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