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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DE 22-010; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy;
2022 Regulatory Reconciliation Adjustment; Report on Status of Audit

Dear Chairman Goldner:

By procedural order dated May 2, 2022 in this matter, the Commission required the Department to file a report on the results of its audit of the costs proposed for recovery in this proceeding. Please accept this late-filed status report, which is provided several days past the required filing of June 7, 2022. In retrospect, the Department should have provided this information just after the procedural order was issued (and regrets any hardship to the Commission or parties caused by this late report) because the status of the cost elements already audited and those to be audited has not changed significantly since May.

The Department's Audit Division is not performing an audit specific to this docket. However, several of the underlying costs sought for recovery have been audited in the ordinary course, while some have not. The specific costs for which recovery is sought, and a status report of any audits performed, are detailed below:

- Regulatory Assessments and Consultants - the underlying costs that are being reconciled in this docket were reviewed as part of the DE 19-057 rate case audit. The rate case audit report was filed in DE 19-057 as an attachment to the Supplemental Testimony of Donna H. Mullinax, which is Exhibit 57.
- Vegetation Management - These costs are not audited in the ordinary course.
- Property Taxes - Eversource's 2021 property tax bills are being reviewed by audit staff in the context of Eversource's Third Step Adjustment, which is currently under review in DE 22-030. No audit report is available for this review at this time.

- Lost Base Revenue due to Net Metering - These amounts are not audited in the ordinary course.
- Storm Cost Amortizations - the underlying storm costs that are being amortized and reconciled in this docket were reviewed in the ordinary course as Eversource's storm reports were examined.
- Rate case expenses from DE 19-057 – these costs were audited, and an audit report was filed in DE 19-057 (Docket Tab No. 186, dated August 26, 2021, as an attachment to a Staff Recommendation regarding rate case expenses).

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020) this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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