

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Docket No. DE 22-021

**PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICE RATE FOR
EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to approve an adjustment to its default Energy Service (“ES”) rate for effect on February 1, 2023. In support of its Petition, Eversource says the following:

1. Historically, customers taking ES from Eversource were billed an ES rate reflecting Eversource’s actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power from its generating assets and supplemental market purchases, as approved by the Commission. On June 10, 2015, and following extensive negotiations, Eversource and other parties filed the 2015 PSNH Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement (the “2015 Agreement”), which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,920 (July 1, 2016), and which called for Eversource to transition to a new means of providing ES.

2. Consistent with the 2015 Agreement, on June 29, 2017 in Docket No. DE 17-113 Eversource sought Commission approval of a proposed process for procuring ES for customers on a competitive basis, rather than through its traditional method. Following discussions among parties to that docket, a Settlement Agreement was reached which set forth the method of and timing for Eversource’s transition to competitively procured ES following the sale of its thermal generating assets. That Settlement Agreement was approved by Order No. 26,092 (December 29, 2017).

3. Pursuant to the settlement in Docket No. DE 17-113, following the sale of its thermal assets Eversource issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) on January 12, 2018 seeking suppliers for its competitively procured ES. Eversource has procured and provided ES through the same method since that time. By this Petition, Eversource now seeks Commission approval of the bids received from its solicitation and the resulting retail rate for the small ES customer group for the period of February 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023.

4. Enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments, and exhibits of Luann J. Lamontagne, James R. Shuckerow, and Parker Littlehale explaining the RFP process used by Eversource and the results of the RFP, as well as how the RFP conformed with the settlement agreement in Docket No. DE 17-113 and Order No. 26,104. Additionally, enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments, and exhibits of Marisa B. Paruta describing Eversource’s proposed rate for its Small customer group and the calculations underlying that proposed rates. For the Small customer group the proposed rate is \$0.20221 per kWh.

5. For the Large customer group, Eversource had a partially failed RFP where only half of the load for the service period was bid upon. Eversource seeks approval of that bid at this time, but is unable to provide a proposed rate for the Large customer group until all load is covered. To accomplish this, Eversource proposes the Commission approve a modification to Eversource’s procedural schedule in this docket to accommodate a second RFP, as “strongly recommended” by the Commission Order No. 26,733 in this docket. In the alternative, should the Commission not authorize a second RFP, Eversource requests that the Commission authorize Eversource to engage in direct Market-based procurement to cover the remaining 50% of Large customer load. The proposed schedule for the second round RFP and subsequent filing and approval process is as follows:

Issue RFP	Thursday, December 16, 2022
Final Offers Due	Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Filing	Thursday, January 12, 2023
Hearing	Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Requested PUC Decision	No Later Than, Thursday, January 19, 2023

A hearing is scheduled for December 13, 2022 to review this submission and Eversource requests that the Commission issue an order as soon as possible thereafter, and preferably by Thursday December 15, 2022, approving the bids and authorizing any

necessary modifications to the procedural schedule, or alternatively authorizing Eversource to engage in direct Market-based procurement.

6. Consistent with the procedures in Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07, Eversource requests that certain material, which has been filed confidentially, remain confidential. Specifically, Eversource seeks confidential treatment of the redacted portions of: Exhibits LJL-2, LJL-3, LJL-4, LJL-5, LJL-6, LJL-7, LJL-8, MBP-1, and MBP-4.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission issue a final order as soon as possible but no later than December 15, 2022, containing the following:

1. A finding that Eversource followed the solicitation process approved by the Commission, and that Eversource's analysis of bids and selection of suppliers was reasonable and appropriate;
2. A finding that the proposed retail rate is appropriately calculated and consistent with Commission precedent;
3. A finding that the proposed retail rate is just and reasonable and consistent with the public interest, subject to the ongoing obligations of Eversource to act prudently, according to law and in conformity with Commission orders;
4. Approval of the tariff changes necessary to incorporate the new rate, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2023; and
5. Approval of Eversource's request for confidential treatment of the designated confidential material pursuant to Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of December, 2022
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

Dated: December 8, 2022



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