

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

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

Docket No. DE 22-039

**Petition For Adjustment of Stranded Cost Recovery Charge
For Effect on February 1, 2023**

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “the Company”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to adjust its Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (“SCRC”) for effect on February 1, 2023 pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, and also pursuant to the requirements of RSA 374-F:3 and RSA 369-B:3, the Agreement to Settle PSNH Restructuring (Revised and Conformed) in Docket No. DE 99-099 (“Restructuring Settlement”), the 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement in Docket No. DE 14-238 (the “2015 Agreement”), and Order No. 26,099 (January 30, 2018) in Docket No. DE 17-096. In support of this Petition, Eversource states the following:

1. The SCRC was established under the Restructuring Settlement and originally capped at an average of 3.40 cents per kilowatt hour. Once the Part 3 Stranded Costs were fully collected, the Restructuring Settlement provided that the SCRC would be set on a forecasted basis every six months and would include any over- or under-recovery of Part 1 and Part 2 stranded costs from the previous period.
2. In Order No. 24,641 (June 30, 2006), the Commission approved the reduction of the SCRC rate beginning July 1, 2006 to reflect the complete recovery of Part 3 Stranded Costs. The Part 1 costs were fully amortized in 2013 and the final disposition of the funds relating to the Part 1 costs

was the subject of Order No. 25,815 (September 18, 2015) which, among other things, permitted the Company to recoup certain of those funds. When the recoupment was completed in 2016, these initial Part 1 costs were completely recovered.

3. Consistent with the 2015 Agreement, which was approved by the Commission along with a related litigation settlement in Order No. 25,920 (July 1, 2016), Eversource transitioned to procuring and providing Energy Service (“ES”) for customers on a competitive basis, rather than through its traditional method, and a settlement agreement relating to competitive procurement was approved by Order No. 26,092 (December 29, 2017) in Docket No. DE 17-113. In relevant part, that settlement provided that Eversource would adjust its SCRC on February 1 and August 1 of each year coincident with the changes to the ES, following an initial adjustment on April 1, 2018.

4. On February 16, 2018 in Docket No. DE 18-023, Eversource submitted a petition and supporting documentation to adjust its SCRC consistent with the settlement approved in Order No. 26,092. Consistent with the 2015 Agreement, the SCRC proposed in that filing contained elements that either had not been included in the SCRC to that point, or that were similar to elements that had previously been included, in particular: costs and market revenues associated with existing Independent Power Producers and the Burgess and Lempster Power Purchase Agreements; as well as estimated class specific Rate Reduction Bond charges associated with the then-pending securitization of stranded costs. That petition was approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,116 (March 29, 2018). Thereafter, Eversource has submitted information to update the SCRC to include additional elements to reflect the completion of securitization and other changes.

5. Additionally, on January 31, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 26,331 in Docket No. DE 19-142, approving an agreement to adjust the power purchase agreement (“PPA”) between Eversource and Burgess BioPower to implement the terms of 2018 N.H. Laws, Chapter 340, “AN ACT requiring the public utilities commission to revise its order affecting the Burgess BioPower plant in Berlin,” As part of that adjustment, and as described in the attached testimony of Company witness Marisa B. Paruta, the forecasted over-cap costs as defined in the PPA should be recovered in current rates rather than waiting until the end of the operating year. Recovery of those costs is accomplished through the “Chapter 340 Adder.”

6. On December 15, 2020, the Commission issued Order No. 26,433 in Docket No. DE 19-057 approving a settlement agreement relating to Eversource’s distribution rates. As part of that settlement, certain environmental remediation costs were removed from Eversource’s distribution rates and included within the SCRC. Those costs are included within this filing. Also on December 15, 2020, Eversource filed a settlement agreement in Docket No. DE 20-136 pertaining to the recovery mechanism and rate treatment of various net metering costs. Pursuant to that settlement, which the Commission approved by Order No. 26,450 (January 29, 2021), Eversource includes certain net metering costs for recovery within the SCRC.

7. The pre-filed testimony and attachments provided with this Petition support a change in the SCRC rates applicable to the Company’s various rate classes. The increase to the SCRC rates as included in this preliminary filing is attributable primarily to overall higher Part 2 costs as compared to the August 1, 2022 rates.

8. The attachments and exhibits in support of this Petition contain Eversource’s current estimates of the SCRC rates for the Company’s customer classes for effect on February 1, 2023.

The preliminary February 1, 2023 average SCRC rates for Part 1 and Part 2 only, and excluding the Ch. 340, RGGI refund, environmental remediation and net metering adder amounts, provided in this filing are as follows:

Rate Class	Current Rate (cents/kwh)	Preliminary Rate (cents/kwh)	Change
R	0.532	0.841	0.309
G	0.400	0.822	0.422
GV	0.323	0.675	0.352
LG	0.092	0.258	0.166
OL/EOL	0.110	1.095	0.985

The preliminary February 1, 2023 SCRC rate adders provided in this filing are provided below:

Rate Adder	Current Rate (cents/kWh)	Preliminary Rate (cents/kWh)	Change
RGGI Refund	(0.535)	(0.364)	0.171
Ch. 340	0.000	(0.0133)	(0.133)
Environmental Remediation	0.048	0.042	(0.006)
Net Metering	0.223	0.373	(0.150)
Total Adders	(0.264)	(0.082)	0.182

The total February 1, 2023 SCRC by rate class provided in this filing are provided below:

Rate Class	Current Rate (cents/kwh)	Preliminary Rate (cents/kwh)	Change
R	0.268	0.759	0.491
G	0.136	0.740	0.604
GV	0.059	0.593	0.534
LG	(0.172)	0.176	0.348

OL/EOL	(0.154)	1.013	1.167
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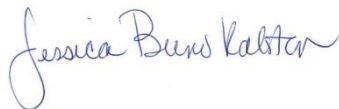
As stated in Ms. Paruta's testimony, Eversource is not proposing a specific SCRC rate and separate adders at this time but will update its estimates with current data prior to a hearing on the merits for purposes of Commission approval.

9. As explained in Ms. Paruta's testimony, the Company is proposing revisions to its tariff that will allow for annual adjustments to all components of the SCRC for effect February 1, 2023 while also retaining the ability for interim adjustments to the Rate Reduction Bond charges, as needed. This proposal is made in response to Order No. 26,658 and is set forth in Attachment MBP-14.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission set a procedural schedule for this matter and order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 16, 2022, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

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