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 to Stranded Cost Recovery Charge

ASSENTED TO MOTION TO CHANGE HEARING DATE

NOW COMES Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (hereinafter "Eversource" or the "Company") by and through its undersigned attorneys, and respectfully moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to change the hearing date set in the Commission's December 21, 2022 Procedural Order. In support of this Motion, Eversource states as follows:

- As noted above, on December 21, 2022, the Commission issued a Procedural Order setting a hearing date of January 11, 2023 in response to the Company's December 16, 2022 petition requesting approval of an adjustment to its stranded cost recovery charge ("SCRC") for effect February 1, 2023.
- 2. In its December 16, 2022 filing, Eversource provided preliminary rate class specific rate calculations but did not propose a specific SCRC rate for approval by the Commission. Consistent with prior SCRC adjustment filings, the Company indicated that it would update its estimates prior to a hearing on the merits.
- 3. The rate update is necessary to reflect: (1) additional actual data that was not available at the time of filing (<u>i.e.</u>, November 2022 data); and (ii) the annual Rate Reduction

Bond ("RRB") Routine True-Up letter that will be filed in early January 2023 in Docket DE 17-096.

- 4. The Company expects to receive updated RRB rates on January 9, 2023. Therefore, the earliest that the Company could provide the rate update is January 10, 2023 (one day prior to the scheduled hearing). Filing the rate update one day before the hearing would not provide sufficient time for meaningful review by the Commission or the Department of Energy ("DOE").
- 5. To allow consideration of the Company's rate update ahead of the hearing in this matter, the Company proposes to move the hearing in this matter from January 11, 2023 to a date determined by the Commission but not earlier than January 13, 2023. The Company also respectfully requests that the hearing be scheduled for a date not later than January 20, 2023 to allow sufficient time for the Commission to issue an order ahead of the February 1, 2023 rate effective date.
- Allowing additional time to consider the Company's updated filing will allow for a more efficient hearing and has the potential to narrow the issues before the Commission.
- 7. The Company has consulted with the parties to this proceeding and is authorized to represent that DOE assents to this request.
- 8. The Commission's granting of this assented to Motion will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party to this docket. Granting this motion will also allow the parties the opportunity to narrow issues for consideration at the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully request that this Commission:

A. Issue an order that moves the hearing in this matter to a date between January 13 and

January 20, 2023; and

B. Grant such additional relief as it deems appropriate.

Dated: December 23, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 23, 2022, a copy of this motion has been electronically forwarded to the service list in this docket.

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