

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d / b / a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Docket No. DE 22-072

Petition for Approval of a Regulatory Asset and Waiver of Puc 2203.02(b)(5)

**PARTIES' STIPULATION TO APPROVE PARTIAL RULE WAIVER VIA ORDER  
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Pursuant to N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.20(c), which provides for filing stipulations when the facts of a matter are not in dispute among the parties, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”); the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“the Department”); the Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”); and the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (“CPCNH”) (collectively, the “Parties”), hereby stipulate and agree that the following facts, as supported by the Company’s affidavit, are undisputed, and as such, support the Company’s petition for a partial rule waiver of Puc 2203.02(b)(5) until such time as the utility offers a commission approved purchase of receivables (“POR”) program and the data will no longer be required to be provided by said rule. In the opinion of the parties, the Commission may grant the partial waiver requested without adjudication through issuance of an order *nisi*

1. One of the requirements of Puc 2203.02(b)(5)<sup>1</sup> is that a utility provides to an electric aggregation committee historical past due accounts receivable for the most recent 12 months

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<sup>1</sup> Puc 2203.02(b)(5) requires each utility to provide the following load information in machine-readable format “*Until such time as the utility offers a commission approved purchase of receivables program pursuant to RSA 53-E:9, revenues billed, actual receipts, and past due accounts receivables for utility default service for each rate class or by small customer group and large customer group for each of the most recent 12 months available, if readily available, and if not, then the utility shall provide such information on a system -wide basis for a recent 12-month*”

available, only until such time as a Commission-approved purchase of receivables program is offered by the utility. Neither of Eversource's billing systems—C2 and Large Power Billing—track this information, so only current past-due accounts receivable information can be provided; historical past due accounts receivable data, as attested to by Eversource, cannot be provided. Affidavit of Katherine Provencher, IT project development for Eversource (Provencher Aff.).

2. Whereas Eversource cannot provide the historical data, Provencher Aff., whereas the waiver sought will only be relevant until such time as Eversource offers a commission-approved POR program because the data at issue will no longer be required to be provided or needed by municipal aggregations, *see* Puc 2203.02(b)(5), and whereas electric aggregation committees are able to rely at this time on the information in Eversource's proposal for a purchase of receivables (POR) program in lieu of the historical data required by Puc 2203.02(b)(5) to demonstrate a very low ultimate bad debt experience in New Hampshire, *see* February 2, 2023 Transcript of Prehearing Conference at 16, the Parties support partial waiver of Puc 2203.02(b)(5) as consistent with the requirements of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 201.05.

3. Pursuant to Puc 201.05, the Commission shall grant the relief requested if waiver will not “disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission,” and if waiver is in the public interest. The relief requested will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission.

4. Waiver is also in the public interest because neither of Eversource's billing systems track or maintain historical past due accounts receivable data, and thus Eversource does not have the

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*period;*” (emphasis added) Puc Chapter 2200 available at DRM [21-142\\_2022-10-10\\_NHPUC\\_ADOPTED-RULES.PDF](#).

data at issue. *See* Provencher Aff. Therefore, Eversource’s “[c]ompliance with the rule would be onerous or inapplicable given the circumstances of the affected person.” *See* Puc 201.05(b)(1).

5. Because there are no facts in dispute, the matter of granting Eversource a partial waiver from the provision of Puc 2203.02(b)(5) identified above until Eversource offers a commission approved POR program is not currently a contested matter and does not require adjudication.

6. As the facts of this stipulation demonstrate that the terms of Puc 201.05 have been met, and as this matter is not contested, in the opinion of the Parties the Commission can waive the rule through issuance of an order *nisi*, consistent with Puc 203.20.


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Chair

**AFFIDAVIT OF KATHERINE B. PROVENCHER**

**I, Katherine B. Provencher, hereby certify the following:**

I work for Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy as the TCS Application Lead, providing IT Project Development. In my role, I have firsthand knowledge that Eversource cannot provide historical past due accounts receivable data required by Puc 2203.02(b)(5), as neither of the company's billing systems either track or store such information.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023

  
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Katherine B. Provencher

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Melissa L. Price  
My Commission expires: 