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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Docket No. DE 23-004, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy – Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program
Response to CPCNH Comments on Recommended Supplemental Order of Notice

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) submits this letter in response to the Comments on Hearings Examiner’s Report and Recommended Order (the “Report”) filed by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (“CPCNH”) on January 12, 2024. In those comments, CPCNH proposes changes to the Report and to the Supplemental Order of Notice filed together with the Report on December 22, 2023.

Eversource believes that the language included in the Supplemental Order of Notice must be consistent with the specific provision of Section II.H of the filed Settlement Agreement, which states, in relevant part, as follows (emphasis added):

The specific terms and conditions of the Company’s Tariff and ESSMA required to be amended in order to implement the POR program, including how the Tariff and ESSMA apply to CPAs, shall be the subject of a subsequent phase of this proceeding, to begin within thirty (30) days following Commission approval of this Settlement Agreement and be concluded on or before March 1, 2024.¹

The alternative language proposed by CPCNH could be read to broaden that agreed-upon scope of potential amendments to the Tariff and ESSMA, and that is both unnecessary and inappropriate under the circumstances. Eversource therefore recommends that the language included in the Supplemental Order of Notice hew as closely as possible to the italicized language in the Settlement Agreement provision quoted above.

CPCNH also recommends that the *name* of the docket be changed to include a reference to “Revisions to Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement and Tariff Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers incorporating Municipal and County Aggregations.” Eversource believes

¹ “Tariff” refers to Eversource’s Tariff NHPUC No. 10 – Electricity terms and conditions and “ESSMA” refers to Eversource’s form of New Hampshire Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement. Note that the March 1, 2024 second phase completion date is no longer realistic, in view of the passage of time since the date of hearing.

it is neither necessary nor appropriate to rename the docket in connection with the second phase of the proceeding as contemplated by the Settlement Agreement provision quoted above. Instead, the name of the docket should remain unchanged and the issues to be addressed during the second phase of the proceeding should be described within the body of the Supplemental Order of Notice, using language nearly identical to that included in the Settlement Agreement.

Consistent with current Commission policy, this filing is being made electronically only and paper copies will not follow. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ David K. Wiesner

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cc: DE 23-004 Service List