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

Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program

Docket No DE 23-004

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Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) hereby submits this Technical Statement in compliance with the Commission’s Supplemental Order of Notice issued in this docket on August 29, 2024 (the “Supplemental OON”). In the Supplemental OON, the Commission directed Eversource to “file the proposed revisions to its Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement and Eversource’s Tariff NHPUC No. 10 - Electricity by September 23, 2024.”

This Technical Statement is submitted in order to describe at a high level the changes incorporated in the proposed revisions to the Company’s Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement (“ESSMA”) and Eversource’s Tariff NHPUC No. 10 – Electricity (“Tariff”). As contemplated by the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 27,049 (August 22, 2024), the second phase of this proceeding will address the specific terms and conditions of the Company’s Tariff and ESSMA required to be amended in order to implement the purchase of receivables (“POR”) program, including how the Tariff and ESSMA apply to community power aggregations (“CPAs”).

The second phase also may consider whether or not the Company will utilize rules, processes, standards, and procedures of the Massachusetts Electronic Business Transactions (“EBT”) Working Group for the implementation of the POR program, unless and until directed otherwise by the Commission with respect to potential adoption and implementation of relevant Electronic Data Interchange (“EDI”) standards developed specifically for New Hampshire. That issue is addressed in Section 3 of this Technical Statement.

1. Revisions to Eversource ESSMA

The proposed revisions to the Company’s form of ESSMA are intended to provide for implementation of the POR program by all competitive electric power suppliers, including those serving CPAs, that use the Company’s consolidated billing services. The revised ESSMA cross-references the revised Tariff Terms and Conditions that address many of the key details of the POR program, including the initial calculation of and periodic adjustments to the applicable Discount Percentage Rate (“DPR”). The attached version of the proposed revised ESSMA is

substantially the same as that provided to the parties in discovery during the first phase of this proceeding in 2023.

In particular, the ESSMA revisions address the following key points:

- (a) Section II contains definitions, including a number of new definitions related to the POR program and the required security interest.
- (b) Section IV includes provisions which (i) acknowledge different treatment of CPAs in appropriate circumstances, consistent with the Puc 2200 rules; (ii) apply a creditworthiness requirement and obligation to provide credit support in certain cases; and (iii) require suppliers with customer accounts served using consolidated billing to granted to the Company a security interest.
- (c) Section V includes representations and warranties of the supplier covering the Accounts Receivable and Collateral (as that term is defined in Section VI), including ownership and status of those assets.
- (d) Section VI requires the supplier to provide the Company with a first priority perfected security interest in all Accounts Receivable purchased by the Company under the ESSMA and all unbilled Accounts Receivable to be purchased by the Company under the ESSMA (defined as the “Collateral”). And the supplier is authorized to place a security interest on the Accounts Receivable from the Company to the supplier associated with the Company’s purchase of the supplier’s Accounts Receivable.
- (e) Section VII A-F include specific provisions referencing the transition to the POR program, excepting CPAs from certain provisions that are not applicable under the Puc 2200 rules, and expressly referencing compliance obligations regarding protection and limited use of customer information under RSA 363:37-38.
- (f) Section VII G includes new provisions specifically covering the POR program. Those provisions address the purchase and sale of existing and future Accounts Receivable, transfer of ownership, assignments of rights, security interest and collateral status, and collection and remittance of funds provisions. This subsection also covers the timing of payments made to suppliers for Accounts Receivable, and the means of payment to suppliers. Payments are subject to mutual netting provisions and supplier statements and reports will be provided through EDI transactions. And suppliers are required, upon the Company’s request to provide documentation and information regarding any Accounts Receivable sold to the Company to the extent necessary to verify billing information and/or collect from a customer any charges associated with that Account Receivable.
- (g) The remainder of the revisions to the ESSMA make conforming changes related to POR program implementation, clarify the status of CPAs in certain circumstances, and clarify the language of specific contractual provisions.

The Company notes here that it will be essential for all competitive electric power suppliers using consolidated billing service to have executed the final approved version of the revised ESSMA prior to the implementation of the POR program. Because all suppliers using consolidated billing will be enrolled in the POR program and paid for their existing accounts receivable in connection with the implementation of the program, all such suppliers must be placed in the POR program at the same time.

Otherwise, the Company would need to maintain two parallel systems for consolidated billing service: (1) one for suppliers on consolidated billing without executed ESSMAs and therefore not in the POR program; and (2) another for suppliers on consolidated billing with signed ESSMAs that are enrolled in the POR Program. The administrative burden and implementation costs associated with such a two-tiered approach are entirely unworkable.

2. Revisions to Tariff Terms and Conditions

The proposed revisions to the Company's Tariff Terms and Conditions are intended to provide for implementation of the POR program by all competitive electric power suppliers, including those serving CPAs, that use the Company's consolidated billing services. The attached version of the proposed revised Tariff Terms and Conditions is substantially the same as that provided to the parties in discovery during the first phase of this proceeding in 2023, except to the extent it incorporates changes to the DPR formula and related provisions specifically covered in the approved Settlement Agreement and changes necessary to the passage of time and the different annual DPR modification directed by the Commission in Order No. 27,049.

In particular, the Tariff Terms and Conditions revisions address the following key points:

- (a) Section 1 contains references to the role of the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("NHDOE") in registering competitive electric power suppliers, and it clarifies that suppliers must be an ISO New England "Market Participant with an ISO-NE settlement account and take responsibility for all the ISO-NE load asset obligations, including but not limited to losses and uplift costs, associated with supplying energy and capacity to the Customer's delivery point."
- (b) Sections 1-8 contain provisions referencing the new POR program, the regulatory role of the NHDOE as well as the Commission, and the different treatment of CPAs under relevant sections of the Puc 2200 rules.
- (c) Section 9(a)-(c) contains the detailed provisions regarding implementation and administration of the POR program, including program eligibility, billing procedures and related EDI transaction procedures and information sharing, and the timing of payment by the Company to the supplier for Accounts Receivable.
- (d) Section 9(d) contains the detailed provisions for determination of the DPR on an initial and annually adjusted basis, and reflects the agreed-upon terms of the Settlement Agreement approved in Order No. 27,049.

- (e) Section 9(e) provides for the filing of supporting documentation by the Company in connection with the annual adjustment of the DPR and related aspects of the POR program, which will now be effective on August 1 of each year rather than May 1, consistent with the Commission's directive in Order No. 27,049.
- (f) Section 9(f) addresses the initial implementation of the POR program, which will now be no sooner than May 1, 2025, subject to the condition that all Eversource system modifications necessary to implement the program have been completed, tested, and are fully operational. This subsection also provides for the Company's purchase of suppliers' existing Accounts Receivable within 30 days following the initial implementation date of the POR program. This subsection further references the first priority perfected security interest in the Accounts Receivable that the Company will purchase through the POR program, including any such Accounts Receivable that have not yet been billed, as well as the authorization of a participating supplier to place a security interest on the accounts receivable from the Company to such supplier associated with the Company's purchase of its Accounts Receivable.

3. Massachusetts EBT Working Group Standards Utilization for POR Program

By way of background on this point, on April 2, 1998, the New Hampshire EDI Working Group filed with the Commission a report recommending the adoption of business rules and related standard transactions and formats for the electronic transfer of customer information. In *New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc.*, DR 17 98-097, by Order No. 23,013 (September 8, 1998), the Commission approved the EDI Working Group's recommendations pending the outcome of a rulemaking to implement EDI standards. The rulemaking to implement the EDI standards has not occurred and the EDI Working Group had not convened for 25 years when the Settlement Agreement was filed with the Commission in this docket.

In the absence of approved EDI standards for New Hampshire, Eversource has followed the Massachusetts EBT standards maintained by the Massachusetts EBT working group. In order the expedite implementation of the POR program, the Settling Parties agreed that the Company would continue to utilize the rules, processes, standards, and procedures of the Massachusetts EBT Working Group unless and until the Company is directed by the Commission to adopt and implement EDI standards developed for New Hampshire. Eversource is aware that, in Docket No. DE 23-063, the Commission found that the EDI Working Group should be reconvened with a goal of determining whether the current EDI system is meeting the evolving electric system needs, and if not, what changes may be required, and at what cost. Eversource has been an active participant in the re-convened EDI Working Group in New Hampshire and will continue that active participation.

The Company's ESSMA does not expressly address this point, but merely references the "recommendations made by the Electronic Data Interchange Working Group report (referred to herein as the "EDI Standards"), made effective by NHPUC Order No. 22,919 and other applicable regulations of the NHPUC." If deemed advisable, the Company would consider adding more specific language referencing continued use of the rules, processes, standards, and

procedures of the Massachusetts EBT Working Group unless and until the Company is directed by the Commission to adopt and implement EDI standards developed for New Hampshire.

4. Conclusion

Eversource has provided this Technical Statement and supporting attachments as directed in the Supplemental OON in order to describe the ESSMA and Tariff revisions required in order to implement the Company's POR Program as provided for in the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 27,049. The Company has also confirmed its intent to utilize the Massachusetts EBT Working Group processes, standards, and procedures in the implementation of the New Hampshire POR program, unless and until it is directed otherwise by the Commission with respect to potential adoption and implementation of relevant EDI standards developed specifically for New Hampshire.

Eversource believes the proposed changes to the ESSMA and Tariff Terms and Conditions intended to facilitate POR program implementation in New Hampshire are just and reasonable and entirely appropriate for that purpose. The Company urges the Commission to approve those changes through an expeditious process so that the POR program may be implemented without undue delay during the second quarter of 2025.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDERS

The following terms and conditions shall apply to Energy Service Providers (“Suppliers”) doing business within the Company’s Service Area and to Customers where specified.

1. Obligations of Suppliers

- a. At all times, the Supplier must meet the registration and licensing requirements established by law and/or by the Commission or the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“NHDOE”) and must comply with all applicable rules promulgated by the Commission or NHDOE.
- b. The Supplier or the Customer in the case of Self-Supply Service must be an ISO-NE Market Participant with an ISO-NE settlement account and either a member of NEPOOL or have an agreement in place with a NEPOOL member whereby the NEPOOL member agrees to take responsibility for all the ISO-NE/NEPOOL load asset obligations, including but not limited to losses and uplift costs, associated with supplying energy and capacity to the Customer’s delivery point.
- c. The Supplier or the Customer in the case of Self-Supply Service shall be responsible for providing all the capacity and energy needs of the Customer and shall be responsible for any and all losses which include all distribution and transmission losses along the Local Network from the PTF Facilities to the Customer’s delivery point.
- d. The Supplier shall provide the Company with at least 30 days’ notice prior to either the cancellation of its an agreement for load asset responsibility with ISO-NE/NEPOOL or a NEPOOL member, or its the termination of business in the Company’s Service Area. The Supplier shall accept full load asset responsibility for all its Customers, or have an agreement with a NEPOOL member which provides for accepting load responsibility for all its Customers, until the first meter read date for each respective eCustomer occurring two business days after notice to the Company or transmittal of any Electronic Data Interchange (“EDI”) to the Company.
- e. In the case of Self-Supply Service, the Customer shall provide the Company with at least 30 days’ notice prior to the cancellation of an agreement for load asset responsibility with ISO New England either NEPOOL or another ISO-NE Market Participant NEPOOL member. The Customer shall accept load asset responsibility or have an agreement with an ISO-NE Market Participant NEPOOL member which provides for accepting load asset responsibility for the Customer until the Customer’s first meter read date occurring at least two business days after notice has been received by the Company from the Customer.
- f. The Supplier shall satisfy all the EDI standards as approved by the Commission. A Supplier shall be required to complete testing of EDI transactions, consistent with all requirements and processes of the Company, prior to the rendering of Supplier Service to any Customer.
- g. The Supplier shall be responsible for reviewing and confirming the accuracy of all data provided to, or made available for, inspection to the Supplier by the Company during the load estimation, load reporting, billing and other processes described in these Terms and Conditions and/or ISO-NE’s Rules.

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- h. Each Supplier shall be required to enter into a service contract with the Company that resolves issues associated with, among other things, information exchange, problem resolution, and revenue liability. This contract must be entered into prior to initiation of Supplier Service to any Customer in the Company's Service Area.
- i. The Supplier shall be responsible for obtaining the Customer's authorization, in accordance with the Commission's rules, prior to the commencement of Supplier Service, except in the case of a community power aggregation operated on an opt-out basis.
- j. The Supplier shall be responsible for obtaining the Customer's written authorization for the release of the Customer's load history to the Supplier by the Company, except in the case of a community power aggregation that is entitled to such information under the Puc 2200 rules.

In the event a Supplier doing business in the Company's Service Area fails to comply with the obligations specified above, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Company or the Company will promptly notify the Supplier. The Supplier shall undertake best efforts to re-comply with its obligations under this Tariff and the applicable Commission's rules of the Commission or the NHDOE in a timely manner. Until the Supplier has re-satisfied its obligations, the Company reserves the right to deny any new customer enrollments from the Supplier. In the event the Supplier is unable or unwilling to re-satisfy its obligations, the Company may transfer the Suppliers' Customers to service under Default Service after notification to the Commission and the NHDOE.

2. Services and Schedule of Charges

Where applicable, the Customer and/or Supplier will be obligated to pay the following fees and charges to the Company for the following services:

(a) Customer Usage Data

Suppliers will be provided with monthly usage data, at no charge, through ~~via~~ an EDI transaction in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Commission or the NHDOE, as applicable. The Supplier is responsible for obtaining the Customer's written authorization to release this information, except for community power aggregations that are entitled to such information under the Puc 2200 rules, and will be required to maintain the confidentiality of the Customer information. The Supplier may not sell or provide this information, in whole or in part, to another party.

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(b) Interval Data Services

The Company will provide the following Interval Data Services for Suppliers and Customers who wish to acquire, develop, or analyze time interval meter data from the Company’s meter installed at the Customer’s service location. The following services are limited to those service locations with interval data recorders installed. The interval data will be provided in 30-minute intervals.

The Supplier is responsible for obtaining the Customer’s authorization to release the Customer’s ~~his/her~~ meter data, except for community power aggregations that are entitled to such information under the Puc 2200 rules, and shall maintain the confidentiality of Customer information. The Supplier may not sell or provide this information, in whole or in part, to another party.

1. Interval Data Access Service

- (i) Subscription Service for Interval Data ~~through~~ via Electronic Mail (E-mail), U.S. Mail or Internet Server

The Company will provide the monthly interval data in an electronic format to the Customer or Supplier ~~through~~ via E-Mail, U.S. Mail, or the Company will post the monthly interval data files to an internet server designated by the Company. The Customer or Supplier is responsible for downloading the file containing the interval data from the internet server.

Single Delivery Service Account..... \$25.00 per Month*
*At Supplier’s option, a \$300 annual charge may be assessed in lieu of the \$25 monthly charge.

- (ii) One-Time Request for Interval Data

If available, the Company will provide a Customer’s historical interval data in an electronic format to the Customer or Supplier at the following rate:

Single Delivery Service Account..... \$50.00 per Request

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2. Load Pulse Outputs Service

This service is offered to Customers or Suppliers who desire a pulse output from the Company's meter. The Company will acquire and install the equipment to allow the Customer or Supplier to interface with the Company's metering equipment and enable the Customer or Supplier to have access to load pulse output. Pulses representing kilowatt-hours are usually requested, but other electrical quantities such as kilovar-hours are also available. The Customer or Supplier has the option to connect this output to their own interval data recorder or other load monitoring or load management devices. The Customer or Supplier is responsible for connecting ~~its~~^{their} own devices to the load pulse output. The one-time fee for this service is as follows:

Load Pulse Output

Up to Two Metered Quantities\$800 per Isolation Relay Device

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(c) Supplier Customer Service

The Company will provide Customer Service, as an optional service, to Suppliers who have entered into a written agreement for Billing and Payment Service with the Company and who have entered into a written agreement for Supplier Customer Service with the Company for a minimum of one year. Customer Service is defined as processing of standard Customer informational requests on behalf of a Supplier, including Supplier balances, rate information, resolving disputes, and processing Customer enrollments. This service is available for Supplier's Customers located within the Company's Service Area. This service includes inbound calls and does not include outbound telemarketing service to potential Customers or promoting new Supplier services to existing Customers. The charges shall be assessed monthly and based on minutes of call handling time as follows:

Supplier Customer Service Charge \$1.10 per minute

Nothing herein shall prohibit the Company and Supplier from negotiating an annual per customer fee for Customer Services. The Supplier will be responsible for establishing a separate toll-free number to allow the number of calls to be tracked as well as allowing for individualization of services.

(d) Billing and Payment Service

The Company will provide Billing and Payment Service as an option to Suppliers who have entered into a written agreement for Billing and Payment Service with the Company for a minimum of one year. The monthly Billing and Payment Service Charge, listed below, is for billing arrangements which can be accommodated by the Company's billing systems without significant programming changes:

Billing and Payment Service Charge\$ 0.07 per bill rendered
Minimum Billing and Payment Service Charge \$ 100.00 per month

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The Company shall also provide, at its option, Billing and Payment Service for Supplier pricing options which require programming changes to the Company’s billing systems. Suppliers will be assessed a one-time setup charge at the following rate to enable non-standard Supplier billing arrangements by the Company:

Programming Setup Charge..... \$95.00 per hour

Any request by the Supplier for Rate Maintenance and Error Correction service provided by the Company in support of Billing and Payment Service will be billed on a monthly basis using the hourly rate below. Rate Maintenance and Error Correction will include maintaining Supplier rates and pricing options in the Company’s billing systems and calculating Customer billing adjustments due to Supplier errors in pricing.

Rate Maintenance and Error Correction Charge..... \$53.00 per hour

Prior to implementation of the Company’s purchase of receivables program,
Customer payments received by the Company shall be applied to balances due to the Company and the Supplier in the following order:

(1) utility outstanding deposit obligations, (2) any utility current payment arrangement obligations, (3) any utility budget billing arrangement obligations, (4) utility and supplier aged accounts receivables, with a priority for the utility aged receivables, (5) utility and supplier current charges, with a priority for the utility’s current charges, and (6) any miscellaneous nonelectric service product or services.

(e) Off-Cycle Meter Reading

In the event of non-payment by a Customer receiving Delivery Service under Large General Delivery Service Rate LG, a Supplier shall be permitted to request an off-cycle meter reading by the Company pursuant to the notice requirements and terms provided in Rule Puc 2004.12. Suppliers will be assessed the following charge:

Off-Cycle Meter Reading Charge (if telemetered) \$53 per meter
Off-Cycle Meter Reading Charge (if non-telemetered) \$84 per meter

3. Initiation and Termination of Supplier Service

(a) Initiation

To initiate Supplier Service to a Customer, the Supplier shall submit an Electronic Enrollment which shall comply with the EDI standard, as may be amended from time to time.

If the information on the Electronic Enrollment passes validation, the Company will send the Supplier a “Successful Enrollment” notice. Supplier Service shall commence on the date of the Customer’s next meter read date, provided that the Supplier has submitted the Electronic Enrollment to the Company at least two business days prior to the scheduled meter read date. If the Company receives more than one Electronic Enrollment for the same Customer for the same enrollment period, the first successfully processed Electronic Enrollment shall be accepted. All subsequent Electronic Enrollments received during that enrollment period shall be rejected.

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If a Supplier's Electronic Enrollment fails to meet the requirements of this Tariff, the Company shall, within one business day of receipt of the Electronic Enrollment, notify the Supplier through an EDI Error notice.

(b) Termination

To terminate Supplier Service with a Customer, the Supplier of record shall submit electronically to the Company a valid "Supplier Drops Customer" transaction. Supplier Service shall terminate on the date of the Customer's next meter read date, provided that the "Supplier Drops Customer" transaction is submitted and successfully processed at least two business days prior to the Customer's scheduled meter read date. If the "Supplier Drops Customer" transaction is not received at least two business days prior to the scheduled meter read date, Supplier Service will terminate on the subsequent meter read date. The Company shall send a "Confirm Drop Date" transaction to the Supplier of record. The Supplier of record will be responsible for notifying the Customer of the termination date.

In cases where the Company uses estimated energy and demand values for billing purposes and the estimated bill coincides with the termination of Supplier Service, the Supplier shall agree to accept the estimated metering values as final values. The Company shall not be obligated to reconcile the estimated values after actual meter reading values are available.

(c) Customer Moves

If a Customer of record moves within the Company's Service Area and the Customer or designee notifies the Company prior to the initiation of Delivery Service at the new service location that the Customer he/she wishes to continue Supplier Service with the Supplier of record, the Company shall send a "Customer Move" notice to the Supplier and no Electronic Enrollment is necessary for the continuation of Supplier Service, except as otherwise provided in the Commission's rules under Puc 2205.05(a) for community power aggregations.

If a Customer of record initiates Delivery Service at a new service location, in addition to another established account within the Company's Service Area, the Customer shall be responsible for selecting a Supplier for the new service location. If an Electronic Enrollment is not received by the Company at least two business days before the initiation of Delivery Service, the Customer will be rendered energy and capacity under Default Service.

Unless the Company is notified otherwise by the Customer, the Company treats all applications for Delivery Service as a new Customer to the Service Area and the Customer will be rendered energy and capacity under Default Service at the new service location. In the event the Company is informed that the new application for Delivery Service is a Customer of record on or after the date Delivery Service is initiated, the Supplier will be notified either by the Customer Usage Information or the Customer Usage and Billing Information EDI transactions, if and when Delivery Service is terminated at the prior service location.

(d) Other

In the event a Delivery Service account is terminated by either the Customer or the Company, such termination will be shown on either the Customer Usage Information or the Customer Usage and Billing Information EDI transactions.

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4. Exclusion of Supplier From Providing Service Within the State of New Hampshire or From the Regional Market

In the event of a Supplier's Default that has led to a Suspension from regional market participation by ISO-NE or another event causing a Supplier to be unable to provide service to its customers in New Hampshire, the Company shall transfer all Customers of the Supplier to Default Energy Service as of the effective date provided by ISO-NE or the Commission, as applicable, otherwise known as the transfer date. Such Suppliers will be assessed a customer transfer charge. Transferred Customers shall remain on Default Energy Service until the Company receives a valid Electronic Enrollment from a registered Supplier or notice from the Customer in the case of Self-Supply Service. The Company shall require a new signed service agreement with any Supplier that has been Suspended and has subsequently been reinstated by ISO-NE, or if another event caused a Supplier to be unable to provide service to its customers and that event was subsequently cured. Electronic Enrollments from Suppliers reinstated by ISO-NE or the Commission shall be effective no sooner than thirty days from the transfer date provided by ISO-NE or the Commission, unless agreed to by the Company.

Customer Transfer Charge: \$64 per service account

5. Interruption, Disconnection, and Refusal of Delivery Service

Any interruption, disconnection, and refusal of Delivery Service by the Company shall be in accordance with this Tariff and the applicable rules of the Commission and the NHDOE. The Company shall not be liable for any revenue losses to Suppliers as a result of an interruption or disconnection of Delivery Service to an existing Customer.

In the event the Company refuses to supply or expand Delivery Service for any reason, the Company shall not be responsible for any losses or damages (direct, indirect, or consequential) to a Supplier resulting from the corresponding loss of compensation.

6. Metering

The Company shall meter each Customer in accordance with Tariff provisions. Each Customer shall be metered or its load estimated such that the loads can be reported to ~~the ISO-NE~~ for inclusion in the Supplier's, ~~or applicable NEPOOL member's~~, load calculations.

In the event a Supplier utilizes the Company's meter readings for billing purposes, the Company shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to a Supplier resulting from a failure of the Company's metering equipment to partially or fully register the amount of electricity consumed by a Customer.

Should a Supplier install metering equipment or any other equipment on Customer-owned facilities which interferes with the operation of the Company's metering equipment or any other Company-owned equipment, the Supplier shall undertake best efforts to remedy the interference in a timely manner and shall compensate the Company for any damages resulting from the interference. Failure to remedy the interference may result in the termination of Delivery Service after 30 days' notice to the Supplier and Customer, subject to applicable rules of the Commission and the NHDOE.

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The Company is not obligated to use metering data registered by Supplier-owned metering equipment for the purpose of billing Delivery Service under this Tariff or for reporting load to ISO-NE.

7. Determination of Hourly Loads for ISO-NE Reporting

The determination and subsequent reporting of Supplier loads (which includes the coincident peak capacity values) shall be in accordance with ~~NEPOOL~~/ISO-NE Market Rules and Procedures, and applicable State regulations. Each Supplier's loads will be assigned to a specific load asset (as registered with ISO-NE) and the corresponding hourly values will be reported to ISO-NE for financial settlement of the wholesale electricity market, and appropriate regulatory bodies. Courtesy copies of this data may be provided to ~~the each~~ Supplier.

Load settlement is performed using a combination of actual hourly interval meter data and estimated data. The multi-step process includes the determination of the (i) Retail Territory Load (as said term is defined in Section A below), (ii) Customer loads, and (iii) Supplier loads, as well as any adjustments to those values. A description of each of these steps follows:

(a) Determination of the Retail Territory Load (Real Time Market Settlement)

On an hourly basis, the Company will calculate an aggregate value representing the load of its Customers served below the 345kV transmission system (the "Retail Territory Load") at the PTF boundary with the Company Metering Domain(s). The Retail Territory Load will consist of the five components below as represented in the ISO-NE settlement system:

- (1) Total metered output of generation connected to the Company Metering Domain
- (2) Plus net imports into the Company Metering Domain
- (3) Less net exports from the Company Metering Domain
- (4) Less non-retail loads (e.g., wholesale load served to municipalities)
- (5) Less the Company Metering Domain's low voltage PTF losses as estimated by ISO-NE.

(b) Determination of Customer Load

The Customer hourly loads shall be determined from either actual hourly interval data or estimated from rate class profiles.

When utilizing average rate class profiles, the Company shall calculate the usage factor for each Customer that reflects the Customer's usage relative to the average usage for the rate class. This Customer usage factor shall be used to scale the class load profile when estimating the Customer's hourly load.

The Company will increase the hourly loads by a distribution loss factor, to account for losses between the Customer meter and the ISO-NE reporting point, the PTF boundary. The distribution loss factors used are for approximation purposes only and are to be used exclusively for the calculation of the Customers loads. Any potential difference between these loss factors and actual hourly losses will be captured in the allocation of the "residual," as described below.

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(c) Determination of Supplier Loads

Each Customer, including those on Default Energy Service or Self-Supply, will be assigned ~~an~~their associated Supplier code from the billing database. The Customer loads from ~~sub~~Section (b) above will be summed, for each hour, by this Supplier code. For each hour, the difference between the Retail Territory Load and the sum of the loads from ~~sub~~Section (b) above will constitute the “residual.” The loads from ~~sub~~Section (b) above will be adjusted by the residual. The residual will be allocated proportionally to each Supplier’s share of the profiled loads from ~~sub~~Section (b) above.

The sum of the loads plus any residual will constitute the Supplier hourly loads. The sum of the Supplier hourly loads in a Metering Domain will equal the Retail Territory Load of the same Metering Domain.

To refine the estimates of the Supplier’s loads that result from the estimated hourly loads, a monthly calculation shall be performed to incorporate the most recent Customer usage information, which is available after the monthly meter readings are processed.

(d) Reporting of Supplier Loads for ~~the~~ISO-NE Settlement Processes

In accordance with ~~the~~ISO-NE rules and procedures, as amended from time to time, the Company will report to ISO-NE the Supplier hourly loads in the time period specified by the ISO-NE Rules for the initial settlement.

Subsequently, in accordance with the ISO-NE’s rules and procedures that pertain to the resettlement processes, the Company will submit to ISO-NE any revised hourly values for assets reflected in the ISO-NE settlement system that are used to determine the Retail Territory Load for each hour of each day. The Company will also submit to ISO-NE any revised hourly energy quantities for each Supplier for each resettlement process.

As wholesale electricity market changes are implemented, the Company will comply with all such applicable market changes when determining the Retail Territory Load. The Company also shall determine and report ~~the~~Supplier loads consistent with applicable market rules and procedures.

(e) Data Review

The process of Supplier load estimation involves statistical samples and estimating error. The Company shall not be responsible for any estimating reporting, settlement or other types of errors associated with, or resulting from, this process, and the Company shall not be liable to any Supplier or any third party for any costs or losses that are associated with such errors. Each

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Supplier is solely responsible for checking and ensuring the accuracy of all such data.

The terms above are also applicable to Customers who are receiving Self-Supply Service and Customers served by a community power aggregation serving as a load-serving entity.

8. Liability

The Company shall have no liability with respect to any transaction or arrangement by or between a Customer and Supplier.

The Company and the Supplier shall each indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its~~their~~ respective affiliates, and the directors, officers, employees, and agents of each of them (collectively, "Affiliates"), harmless from and against any and all damages, costs (including attorneys' fees), fines, penalties, and liabilities, in tort, contract, or otherwise (collectively, "Liabilities"), resulting from claims of third parties arising, or claimed to have arisen, from the acts or omissions of such party in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Tariff. The Company and the Supplier shall each waive recourse against the other party and its Affiliates for or arising from the non-negligent performance by such other party in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Tariff.

9. Purchase of Receivables Program

(a) Eligibility for Purchase of Receivables ("POR") Program

Suppliers that choose consolidated billing service for either all or a portion of their Customer accounts in any Customer class ("Participating Suppliers") shall be required to sell their Accounts Receivable to the Company relating to Supplier Service provided to those Customers for whom the Company issues a consolidated bill.

(b) Billing Procedures

The Company shall issue a single consolidated bill for all electric service to each Customer served by a Participating Supplier. The Company shall use the rates supplied by the Supplier to calculate the Supplier Service portion of Customer bills, and this billing shall be integrated with the Company's own billing in a single mailing to the Customer. The Company shall send a "customer usage and billing information" electronic transaction to the Supplier, in accordance with the EDI standards.

The Company shall send a "payment/adjustment" detail spreadsheet upon request once the funds have been sent to the Supplier in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the EDI standards, or in accordance with a negotiated, uniform set of rules and procedures that apply to all Participating Suppliers. Customer revenue due to the Supplier shall be transferred to the Supplier in accordance with the Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement entered into by the Supplier and the Company, calculated in the manner described in subsection 9(d) below. Any adjustments shown on such spreadsheet shall be made to the payment amount otherwise due to the Supplier, subject to application of the Discount Percentage Rate as calculated pursuant to subsection 9(d) below.

(c) Timing of Payment to Participating Suppliers

The payment to Suppliers of the amounts computed in accordance with the provisions of subsection 9(d) below shall be made monthly consistent with the combined average payment period of the Company's Customer Classes. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the average payment period shall be based on actual historical data for the most recent calendar year, or other appropriate period, as approved by the Commission. On or before March 1st of each year, the Company shall file with the Commission data on the average historical payment period that will be in place the subsequent year beginning on August 1st. The Discount Percentage Rate computed in accordance with the provisions of subsection 9(d) below will remain in effect for the entire year, unless otherwise approved by the Commission.

(d) Amount of Payment to Participating Suppliers

The Company shall pay to the Supplier the full amounts due from Customer for Supplier Service, less the applicable Discount Percentage Rate as defined below. For any Customer that has elected Budget Billing, or is subject to a periodic payment plan agreed to by the Company, the full amounts due for Supplier Service shall be based on the Customer's actual usage rather than on the amount the Customer is billed under the Budget Billing program or such periodic payment plan. In all other instances, the full amounts due for Supplier Service shall be based on the amount actually billed to the customer.

On or before March 1st of each year, the Company shall file with the Commission the said percentages that will be in place for the subsequent year beginning on August 1st. The percentages shall remain in effect for the entire year unless otherwise approved by the Commission. The percentages shall be computed in accordance with the following formula:

$DPR_{cc} = UP_{cc} + ACP_{cc} + AICE_{cc} + PPR_{cc}$, where

CC = The Customer Class, whether all residential rate class customers or all customers in other than residential rate classes.

DPR_{cc} = Discount Percentage Rate for the Customer Class to be deducted from the full amounts due for Supplier Service.

UP_{cc} = Uncollectible Percentage is the sum of the net write-offs for supply service for the participating Customer Class, exclusive of any such net write-offs for existing receivables described in section 9.f, based on actual data for the most recent period for which data is available prior to the annual filing (or other appropriate period approved by the Commission), divided by the total amounts billed by the Company, including late payment fees if included in net write-offs, to that participating Customer Class for supply service during the same period. The period to be used for purposes of calculating the Uncollectible Percentage shall be the same period the Company uses for calculating its net write-offs associated with the amounts the Company bills for default energy service supply.

During the first year or other initial period of POR program operation, the Uncollectible Percentage shall be the total amount of net write-offs for default energy service supply provided to the participating Customer Class based on actual data, excluding any such net write-offs related to amounts billed by the Company for Supplier Service purchased from Suppliers, divided by the total

amounts billed by the Company, including late payment fees if included for default energy service supply, excluding amounts billed by the Company for Supplier Service purchased from Suppliers, to that participating Customer Class. The period used to calculate the first year or other initial period Uncollectible Percentage will be the same period as that used and reflected in the calculation of the Company's net write-offs associated with the amounts it bills for default energy service supply.

ACPcc = Administrative Cost Percentage is the total forecasted incremental costs of POR program administration and collection to be recovered through the DPRcc for the subsequent year divided by the total amounts billed for Supplier Service by the Company through consolidate billing for the most recent calendar year. For the first year or other initial period of the POR program, the Administrative Cost Percentage shall be zero. The costs will be apportioned to each Customer Class based on the total supplier kWh billings for such Customer Class.

AICEcc = Amortized Incremental Capital Expense is the Company's cumulative revenue requirement calculation for the return of and return on incremental capital costs directly related to the development and implementation of changes to billing, information, and accounting systems required to implement the billing and payment procedures related to the POR program into the Company's consolidated billing service, to be amortized and recovered through the DPRcc over a five-year period. The revenue requirement will be apportioned to each Customer Class based on the total supplier kWh billings for such Customer Class, provided, however, that the portion of the revenue requirement attributable to incremental capital costs incurred to upgrade the Company's large power billing system shall be allocated entirely to the non-residential Customer Class.

PPRPcc = Past Period Reconciliation Percentage for the Customer Class shall be calculated pursuant to the following equation:

Sum of 12 months of ((monthly Actual Reconcilable Costs – monthly Actual Supplier Discounts Applied) + Monthly Interest Accrued) divided by Actual Supplier Billings

Where each of these components is defined as follows:

(1) Actual Reconcilable Costs – the sum of (a) actual net write-offs for Supplier Service billed by the Company through consolidated billing service, (b) actual POR administrative costs incurred, allocated based on total supplier kWh billings, and (c) actual POR amortized incremental capital expenses, allocated based on total supplier kWh billings, except for any such costs related to the large power billing system, which shall be allocated entirely to the nonresidential Customer Class, in each case for the applicable Customer Class for the most recent calendar year.

(2) Actual Supplier Discounts Applied – the sum of the actual discounts applied to supplier payments during the most recent calendar year, for the applicable Customer Class.

(3) Monthly Interest Accrued – a monthly interest amount calculated on the average monthly balance of the cumulative variance between Actual

Reconcilable Costs and Actual Supplier Discounts Applied, using the prime rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal, consistent with the interest calculations performed by the Company for other annually reconciling rate mechanisms.

(4) Actual Supplier Billings - the total dollar amount billed to customers in the Customer Class for Supplier Service billed by the Company through consolidated billing service for the most recent calendar year.

(e) Information Required to be filed with the Commission

Information pertaining to the annual filing pursuant to subsections 9(c) and (d) above, and any other filings to seek changes to the above provisions, shall be fully documented and include updated information relating to preliminary reconciliation data for the year in which the filing is made, with actual reconciliation amounts to be submitted the subsequent year.

(f) Implementation of POR Program

The effective date of the Company's POR program shall be the later to occur of either (i) May 1, 2025, or (ii) the first day of the month following notice by the Company to the Commission that all system modifications necessary to implement the POR program have been completed, tested, and are fully operational.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement with a Participating Supplier, the Company shall pay the Supplier for amounts already existing as outstanding accounts receivables of the Supplier, within thirty (30) days following the initial implementation date of the Company's POR program. The amounts payable for purchase of such existing accounts receivables shall be subject to the DPRcc as calculated by the Company pursuant to subsection 9(d) above, and shall be subject to full reconciliation in accordance with the PPRPcc provisions in subsection 9(d)(1)(ii) above.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement with a Participating Supplier, the Supplier shall grant to the Company a first priority perfected security interest in and to the accounts receivable that the Company will be purchasing through its POR program, including any such accounts receivable that have not yet been billed. A Participating Supplier shall be authorized by the Company to place a security interest on the accounts receivable from the Company to the Participating Supplier associated with the purchase by the Company of the Participating Supplier's accounts receivable.

Issued: December 23, 2020

Issued by: Joseph A. Purington

Effective: January 1, 2021

Title: President, NH Electric Operations

ELECTRIC SUPPLIER SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT

This Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement (“Master Agreement”) made this day of [EVERSOURCE TO INSERT DATE] _____, ~~20~~, between Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, a New Hampshire corporation with a principal place of business at 780 North Commercial Street, Manchester, NH (“Eversource” or “the Company”), and _____, a [type of entity] ~~corporation~~ with a principal place of business at

_____ (“Supplier”). Eversource and Supplier are referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

I Basic Understandings

Under the Terms and Conditions for Suppliers which is an integral part of the Company’s delivery service tariff approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“NHPUC”) as in effect and revised from time to time (referred to herein as the “Terms and Conditions”), and recommendations made by the Electronic Data Interchange Working Group report (referred to herein as the “EDI Standards”), made effective by NHPUC Order No. 22,919 and other applicable regulations of the NHPUC, the Company has the authority and obligation to offer services to competitive suppliers of electricity. The Company agrees to provide services to Supplier as specifically selected by the Supplier in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, EDI Standards, both incorporated herein by reference, and the terms of this Master Agreement.

Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, specifies the Supplier information required before the Company will provide Supplier Services to the Supplier.

Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, specifies additional information necessary for the provision of services under this Master Agreement.

Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, contains pricing parameters for Services under this Master Agreement some of which are determined by Terms and Conditions of the Company’s delivery service tariff and some of which are not specified in those Terms and Conditions. Each time the Terms and Conditions are changed by order of the ~~NHPUC Public Utilities Commission~~ and each time the Supplier and the Company agree to new pricing parameters for Services which are not specified in the Terms and Conditions, a new Exhibit C will be issued and incorporated herein.

II Definitions

Any capitalized terms used in this Master Agreement and not defined herein shall be as defined in the Terms and Conditions or EDI Standards. In addition, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto:

"Account(s) Receivable" shall mean, with respect to any eligible Customer, the Supplier's Generation Service revenue and associated charges determined by Company under the terms of this Master Agreement.

"Accounts Receivable Purchase Price" shall mean the amount with respect to any Account Receivable purchased hereunder, calculated in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

"Additional Assurance Amount" shall mean the amount due and owing by Supplier to the Company under this Agreement as of the date of the Company's issuance of a demand for the same.

"Billing Date" shall mean, as with respect to any Account Receivable, the date on which the Company's billing system calculates such Account Receivable.

"Business Day" shall mean any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday that is observed on a weekday, and, if any performance date referenced herein occurs on a day other than a Business Day, then such performance date shall be the next succeeding Business Day.

"Collateral" shall have the definition as provided in Section VI hereof.

"Creditworthy" shall mean a credit rating of "BBB-" or better (as assigned by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), and its successors), or "Baa3" or better (as assigned by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and its successors).

"Discount Percentage Rate" shall mean the factor applied to reduce payments by the Company to Supplier for Accounts Receivable purchased by the Company pursuant to the Program, as specified in the Terms and Conditions.

"Generation Service" shall mean the sale of all requirements, load-following electricity service to a Customer by a Supplier, including, without limitation, capacity and ancillary services, such as the provision of reserves, and all other services relating to generation required by ISO-NE, and retail offerings that utilize renewable energy certificates or represent alternative compliance payments that are bundled with generation [, provided that such products can be billed using the basic consolidated billing service platform].

"Program" shall mean the Purchase of Accounts Receivable Program as approved by the

NHPUC, as in effect from time to time.

“Purchase of Receivables Plan” shall mean the Company’s plan to comply with the Program as approved by the NHPUC, and as in effect from time to time.

“Qualified Bank” shall mean a major U.S. commercial bank or the U.S. branch office of a major foreign bank, in either case, whose senior unsecured debt obligations have been rated at least (i) “A-” by S&P and “A3” by Moody’s, if such entity is rated by both S&P and Moody’s, or (ii) “A-” by S&P or “A3” by Moody’s, if such entity is rated by either S&P or Moody’s, but not both, provided that such institutions shall have assets totaling not less than USD ten billion (\$10,000,000,000).

“Security Interest” shall mean the perfected first priority security interest in the Collateral for all obligations of Supplier to the Company pursuant to this Master Agreement, as referenced in Section VI hereof.

“Unbilled Accounts Receivable” shall mean the amount of Supplier’s Generation Service revenue and associated charges to be determined by the Company under this Master Agreement and the Terms and Conditions, based upon the applicable billing price determinants in effect for Generation Service which has been rendered to Customers but which remains unbilled, until such time as such receivables are billed and purchased by the Company under the terms of this Master Agreement.

III Term

This Master Agreement shall become effective on the date last signed below (“Effective Date”) and shall continue in full force and effect from month to month unless terminated by either party by written notice given no less than thirty (30) days prior to the desired termination date, except as provided in Sections VI and XI of this Master Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree to abide by all terms of this Master Agreement until the completion of processing any transactions that are outstanding at termination. Notwithstanding the Effective Date, Supplier acknowledges that the Company will provide Company Services as set forth in Section VII only upon satisfaction of, or express, written waiver of the requirements of Section IV of this Master Agreement.

IV Conditions Precedent

The following requirements shall be conditions precedent to the Company’s obligations hereunder:

- A Supplier shall provide all information requested in Exhibits A and B attached hereto.
- B Supplier shall register, obtain, and, at all times, maintain the necessary registration or licensing with licensing or certification from the NHPUC or the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("NHDOE"). If Supplier is a community power aggregation serving as a load-serving entity, as such terms are defined in the Commission's Puc 2200 Municipal and County Aggregation Rules, then such registration or licensing is not required, provided that the aggregation plan must be approved by the NHPUC.
- C Supplier shall ~~either: (i) be an ISO-NE Market Participant with an ISO-NE settlement account, as required by both the Puc 2000 and Puc 2200 rules; or (ii) have an agreement in place with an ISO-NE Market Participant member whereby that member agrees to include the load to be served by the Supplier in its ISO-NE settlement account.~~
- D Supplier shall take all steps necessary to remain in good financial standing.
- E Prior to initiation of ~~s~~Supplier ~~s~~Service covered under this Master Agreement, the Supplier shall have completed all Master Agreement requirements including, but not limited to, testing of the EDI process between the Company and Supplier, according to and consistent with Company requirements and processes.
- F The Company shall confirm that the Supplier is Creditworthy. In the event that Supplier is not Creditworthy, the Supplier shall provide credit support to the Company in an amount equal to the Additional Assurance Amount within three (3) Business Days after the Company's request. Such credit support shall be: (i) a letter of credit issued by a Qualified Bank in a form acceptable to the Company, which will allow the Company to draw on the letter of credit up to the full amount of the Additional Assurance Amount; or (ii) such other credit support that is reasonably acceptable to the Company, which for the purposes of this Section may include a parent guaranty from a Creditworthy entity, at any time during the Term of this Master Agreement.
- EG In connection with any customer accounts served using consolidated billing service, the Supplier has granted to the Company the Security Interest, as provided for in Section VI hereof, and has provided documentation in a form and substance acceptable to the Company demonstrating the grant and ongoing effectiveness of the Security Interest.

Failure to abide by the above requirements shall excuse further performance by the Company, notwithstanding the requirements of Section XI of this Master Agreement, unless and until the

above conditions are satisfied.

V Representations

Each pParty represents that it is and shall remain in compliance with all applicable laws, tariffs, NHPUC rulesregulations, and the terms of this Master Agreement during the term of this Master Agreement. Each person executing this Master Agreement for the respective parties represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind that pParty.

Each Party represents that: (a) it has the full power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform this Master Agreement; (b) the execution, delivery, and performance of this Master Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other action by such Party; (c) this Master Agreement constitutes that Party's legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms; (d) that no third party consent or approval that has not already been obtained is required for the execution of this Master Agreement, the performance of its obligations hereunder, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein; and (e) there is no claim, litigation or proceeding pending or threatened against it that purports to effect the legality, validity, or enforceability of this Master Agreement.

Supplier represents and warrants that it has good rights in, and the power to, transfer the Collateral and assign and sell the Accounts Receivable to Company, without the violation of any rights of any third party. Further, Supplier represents and warrants that its title to the Collateral and the Accounts Receivable (excepting the Security Interest granted to the Company) is free of all adverse claims, liens (including, without limitation, tax liens), security interests, and restrictions on transfer or pledge, and are not and will not be subject to any other valid or existing billing, collection, or financing instrument, and have not been billed and will not be collected by or for the benefit of any other party except Company.

Supplier represents and warrants that the Collateral and Accounts Receivable are and will remain free from any and all liens (including, without limitation, tax liens), claims, encumbrances, security interests and restrictions on transfer or pledge, and that no Collateral or Accounts Receivable will be assigned, financed, sold, pledged, hypothecated, or otherwise encumbered, except to Company.

With respect to the Collateral and Accounts Receivable, Supplier represents and warrants that: (i) the Collateral and the Accounts Receivable represent valid and correct charges due to the Supplier in accordance with its agreements with those Customers, and Supplier is not

in breach of any of those agreements, (ii) the Accounts Receivable are fully valid and enforceable and are not subject to any lien, encumbrance, deduction, set-off or, credit, and (iii) there are no defenses, offsets, or counterclaims regarding the payment of the Accounts Receivable and the Customer is not entitled to claim any deduction or discount to the Accounts Receivable.

Each Party shall exercise all reasonable care, diligence and good faith in the performance of its duties pursuant to this Master Agreement, and carry out its duties in accordance with applicable recognized professional standards.

VI Supplier's Responsibilities

The Supplier agrees that it desires to receive the services enumerated in Section VII of this Master Agreement at the rates contained in the Terms and Conditions as they may be revised from time to time or in Exhibit C. Supplier agrees to pay the Company's invoices for services rendered in a timely manner. Supplier agrees to provide to the Company all information necessary ~~forte~~ the Company to fulfill the Company's obligations under this Master Agreement.

The Supplier shall notify the Company within 24 hours in writing if its registration or license to act as a ~~Competitive~~-Supplier is acted upon by the NHPUC or ISO-NE in such a way that it materially affects Supplier's performance under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, suspension, revocation, modification, or non-renewal. Revocation or non-renewal of Supplier's registration or license shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Master Agreement by the Company.

To the extent reasonably practicable, Supplier shall notify the Company no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to an event reasonably within Supplier's knowledge, and of which Supplier has reason to believe the Company has no knowledge, and that will render Supplier ~~or its agent~~ unable to maintain Supplier's status with ~~ISO-NENEPPOOL~~ required to serve load. Upon such notice, by the Supplier or ISO-NE, or upon the occurrence of such an event, the Company shall have the immediate right to switch Supplier's Customers so affected to the applicable Default Service Rate under the Company's tariffs with an effective date of the Customer's last meter reading date. Such switch may include accounts that may be identified as pending transfer from Supplier to another provider. Supplier shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Company regarding any associated costs and third-party claims related to such switch, and the Supplier shall be responsible to pay any reasonable Company costs incurred due to the required switch of Customers to Default Service.

If Supplier, ~~or its Market Participant member~~, has cured a Default at ISO-NE and has subsequently registered new load assets at ISO-NE, and is a registered or licensed Supplier in the State of New Hampshire, except as otherwise provided by applicable law or rule, Supplier may reinitiate the actions set forth in ~~sub~~Section IV above to begin serving customers again. If Supplier's Electronic Data Interchange ("EDI") provider has changed, Supplier will also be required to complete testing of the electronic transactions. Customer enrollments on new assets will be effective no sooner than 30 days from the effective date of the asset retirements due to the previous Default.

Supplier shall be responsible for reviewing and confirming the accuracy of all data provided to, or made available for, inspection ~~of, to~~ Supplier by the Company during the load estimation, load reporting, billing, and other processes described in this Master Agreement and/or ISO- NE's Rules.

Supplier acknowledges that the Company will select, and may from time to time change, the value added network ("VAN") or other electronic data transmission vehicle. The Company acknowledges the benefit to both the Company and Supplier in minimizing the transaction costs in selecting the VAN. Notwithstanding the above, the Company will not change the VAN or other electronic data transmission vehicle without first providing Supplier via Internet electronic mail at least seven (7) days' notice of any such change. Supplier shall be responsible for the initial testing costs of the VAN or other electronic data transmission vehicle

and all costs of subsequent EDI transaction transmissions as described in the Terms and Conditions and the EDI Standards.

Supplier acknowledges that the Company is authorized to deny Supplier's Generation Service to Customers if the Company has terminated such Customer's Delivery Service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NHPUC, until such time as the Customer is reinstated by the Company. In order for Supplier to serve such a Customer after reinstatement, Supplier must re-enroll the Customer.

During the term of this Agreement, as to any EDI Standards implemented subsequent to the initial testing period referenced in Section IV-C above, Supplier shall be required to successfully complete testing of said standards in accordance with the EDI Standards.

As collateral for all obligations now existing or hereafter arising from Supplier to the Company, Supplier hereby grants to the Company a first priority perfected security interest ("Security Interest") in all the following property of Supplier, wherever located, whether now owned, hereafter acquired, or created, and all proceeds and products thereof: (a) all Accounts Receivable purchased by the Company under this Master Agreement; and (b) all Unbilled Accounts Receivable to be purchased by the Company under this Master Agreement (collectively, the "Collateral").

Supplier shall execute and deliver to the Company any and all such additional documents, instruments, and assurances as requested by the Company regarding the Collateral and the Security Interest, and as otherwise required to effectuate the provisions of this Master Agreement.

Supplier shall be authorized by the Company to place a security interest on the Accounts Receivable from the Company to Supplier associated with the purchase by Company of Supplier's Accounts Receivable.

VII Company Services and Responsibilities

All services covered by this Master Agreement shall take effect not less than 30 days from the effective date of this Master Agreement, provided the conditions in Section IV have been satisfied by the Supplier. At the Company's option, services may begin in less than 30 days.

A Billing Services

1 Standard Billing Service Option

Under the Standard Billing Option, Supplier agrees to separately bill Customers for the cost of Supplier's Generation Service provided by ~~the~~ Supplier and for the collection of amounts due to ~~the~~ Supplier from the Customer. The Company agrees to provide Supplier with Customer usage information, in accordance with the EDI Standards. All measured billing determinants provided by the Company will be based on Company-owned metering, except as may be agreed to in a subsequent agreement.

The Company agrees to provide consolidated billing service as described below to Supplier at the rate specified for Billing and Payment Service in the Terms and Conditions. Once an agreement for provision of consolidated billing service is effective, the Supplier can specify on a customer-by-customer basis which eCustomers it wants to receive consolidated billing service from the Company.

2 Basic Consolidated Billing Service Option

Basic consolidated billing service includes reading the eCustomer's electric meter on a billing cycle basis, calculating billing determinants, applying such billing determinants against ~~the~~ Supplier's rate and price option specified for each customer in the EDI enrollment or subsequent change transaction, incorporating the resulting Supplier charges with the Company's delivery service charges into a single consolidated bill, and mailing such consolidated bill to the customer.; Consolidated billing service shall also include processing payments received from the eCustomer, allocating such payments between the Company and Supplier accounts receivable, transmitting payments allocated to Suppliers on a daily basis and transmitting all required EDI transactions resulting from such billing and payments in accordance with the EDI Standards, until such time as the Purchase of Accounts Receivable Program is implemented by the Company. All measured billing determinants will be based on Company-owned metering, except as agreed to in a separate agreement. Payments received shall be applied in the manner and priority set out in the Company's tariff.

Supplier related information required by NHPUC guidelines or other applicable rules to be

sent to eCustomers shall be included with the consolidated billing. The Company reserves the right to specify the presentation methodology and other characteristics such as size or weight which will be included as part of the basic consolidated billing service. Supplier rates and pricing options must be supported by meters in place and the Company's billing systems. No more than one supplier rate and pricing option can be effective during a eCustomer's monthly billing cycle.

Supplier represents and warrants that, for each and every residential and small commercial customer account subject to consolidated billing, Supplier has obtained the customer's express consent, by any means required or permitted by applicable NHPUC rules or precedents, except for community power aggregations entitled to this information under Puc 2205.13(b)(12), to authorize the Company to disclose to ~~the~~ Supplier, on a periodic basis, the status of the customer's account with the Company as either subject to: (a) a budget billing plan with the Company; (b) a payment plan with the Company; or (c) neither a budget billing nor a payment plan with the Company. Supplier further represents and warrants that it shall provide written documentation of any authorization required herein, at the request of the Company.

Subject to obtaining consent as referenced above, the Company agrees to disclose to Supplier, either through an EDI transaction or other monthly electronic transaction, whichever is more suitable to the Company, whether each customer of Supplier is, at the time of the communication, on: (a) a budget billing plan with the Company; (b) a payment plan with the Company; or (c) neither a budget billing nor a payment plan with the Company. Supplier agrees that any information so disclosed shall be used for no purpose other than determining the status of Supplier's customers as described herein.

Supplier agrees that any failure to obtain such consent, or to provide proof of such consent upon request, shall constitute a material breach of this Master Agreement and Supplier further agrees that it shall indemnify the Company for any claims or damages arising from such breach, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in association with responding to such breach. This provision shall not apply to community power aggregations, as explicit Customer consent is not required to receive such information from the Company.

3 Rates Maintenance and Error Correction Service

The Company shall provide rates maintenance and error correction service at the rate specified in the Terms and Conditions. Such service shall include, but not be limited to, initial entry of Supplier rates and pricing options into the Company's electric billing systems, maintaining changes to Supplier rates and pricing options and calculating and processing Customer billing adjustments due to Supplier's errors in pricing.

4 Billing Errors

If either Party finds a billing error or other miscalculation on a bill or in the usage determinants used as the basis for either the Company's or ~~the~~ Supplier's bill calculation, that Party shall, within sixty (60) days from the date of the Customer's statement containing the error, notify the other Party in writing or electronically and explain the nature of the error. In the event of an error by the Company, the Company shall either: (1) rebill the affected Customer reflecting an appropriate adjustment in the Customer's account; or (2) make an appropriate timely adjustment on a subsequent bill sent to Customer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that the Company may, from time to time, send estimated bills to customers in accordance with NHPUC guidelines and ~~rules~~ regulations, and such estimated bills shall not be considered billing errors. In the event of an error by ~~the~~ Supplier, the Company will, upon Supplier's request, and as is reasonably practicable, either: (1) rebill the affected Customer reflecting an appropriate adjustment in the Customer's account; or (2) make an appropriate timely adjustment on a subsequent bill sent to Customer. If neither of the requested options is reasonably practicable, or if ~~the~~ Supplier affirmatively chooses, ~~the~~ Supplier may submit a rate pricing option correction as provided by the EDI Standards and the Terms and Conditions. Supplier will be responsible to pay any fees, as filed with and approved by the NHPUC, for any rebilling and/or adjustment caused by Supplier error. When either Party reasonably believes that an error related to billing activity may have occurred, ~~such~~ either Party may request the production of documents required to verify the accuracy of such billing, which the other Party will provide within ten (10) business days. The Company shall not be required to adjust any errors as described in this Section VII.A.4 unless the Company has received written notice and supporting documentation from Supplier within sixty (60) days from the date of the Customer's statement detailing such error and the corresponding adjustments required to be made to ~~the~~ Customer's accounts, and failure to provide such notice and documentation within

that sixty (60) day period shall constitute a waiver of any claim by Supplier associated therewith.

B Collection Services

The Company conducts various collection activities to encourage Customers to pay amounts due to the Company for delivery service. To the extent allowed by NHPUC rules or precedent~~other~~ regulations, the Company agrees to employ consistent collection activities to encourage payment of Supplier amounts due for energy service. Supplier acceptance of collection services shall be mandatory where the Supplier has elected to receive consolidated billing service. The Company shall provide collection services at the rate specified in the Terms and Conditions.

Collection activity by the Company on behalf of ~~the~~ Supplier will terminate 60 days after Supplier's relationship with the Customer terminates through the Customer switching to another Supplier or to default service for any reason or the Supplier transmitting an EDI drop transaction to the Company. An EDI transaction informing the Supplier of such collection activity termination and the Supplier accounts receivable balance will be sent to the Supplier. At that point, the Company's responsibility for all collection activities related to ~~the~~ Supplier accounts receivable shall terminate and Supplier shall have sole responsibility for all subsequent collection activity. In addition, the Company's collection activity on behalf of Supplier shall terminate upon implementation by the Company of the Purchase of Receivables Program.

C Supplier Customer Service

The Company agrees to provide customer service to Suppliers who have elected to receive consolidated billing services. Supplier customer service shall include responding to customer inquiries about Supplier balances, Supplier rates and price options used to calculate the Supplier portion of the bill, allocation of payments to Supplier accounts receivable prior to the implementation of the Purchase of Receivables Program, and the processing of EDI enrollment, change, or drop transactions. Pursuant to Puc 2205.16(c)(1), Customers contacting the Company regarding the billed amount for community power aggregation services or any other community power aggregation issue shall be provided with the customer service number for the community power aggregation.

Customers that contact the Company concerning the billed amount for Supplier's Generation Service or any other Supplier issue other than as described above will be referred to Supplier's customer service number identified in Exhibit B. The Company will not undertake bill investigations, inquiries concerning Supplier charges, collection activities on Supplier charges included in consolidated billing prior to implementation of the Purchase of Receivables Program, or the settlement of billing disputes on behalf of Supplier. For both Standard Billing and Consolidated Billing Options, Supplier shall be responsible for the reporting and payment of any taxes assessed upon Supplier's Generation Service.

Supplier customer service provided by the Company shall be provided only to Supplier's customers within the Company's service area, shall be limited to inbound calls only and expressly excludes all outbound telemarketing calls to existing or potential Supplier customers or inbound responses to Supplier marketing campaigns.

Suppliers electing to receive ~~s~~Supplier customer service shall be responsible for establishing a separate toll-free number routing into the Company's automatic call distribution switch. Supplier shall be responsible for all costs associated with initiation and ongoing charges ~~foref~~ such toll-free number. Calls received shall be answered on a first come, first served basis. If the Company is experiencing significant outages, completion of customer calls may be deferred until the outages are fixed.

While the charges for this Supplier customer service are ~~specified~~defined in the Terms and Conditions ~~for Suppliers Section of the Company's delivery service tariff~~ and reflected in Exhibit C to this Master Agreement, such Section also allows the Company and Supplier to negotiate an annual per customer fee for Supplier customer service.

D Interval Data and Metering Services

The Company agrees to provide the following services which are limited to Customers who are receiving service under the Company's Primary General Delivery Service Rate GV, Large General Delivery Service Rate LG₁, and Backup Delivery Service Rate B. All time interval data will be provided in 30-minute intervals.

~~The~~ Supplier is responsible for obtaining the eCustomer's authorization to release its meter data to ~~the~~ Supplier, except where explicit customer consent is not required for community power aggregations, and Supplier shall maintain the confidentiality of the eCustomer's information. The Supplier may not sell or provide this information, in whole or in part, to any other party, and shall comply in all respects with the restrictions and limitations on use of such information under RSA 363:37-38.

1 Interval Data Access Service

The Company shall provide kilowatt-hour (~~KkWhH~~) and kilovar-hour (~~KkVARhH~~) interval data that has been collected by the Company and validated for accuracy on a monthly basis in an electronic format to the Supplier. Requests for historical interval data will also be completed in an electronic format to the Supplier. Rates to be charged to the Supplier for such interval data access service are specified in the Terms and Conditions.

2 Load Pulse Outputs Service

The Company will acquire and install equipment to allow ~~the~~ Supplier to have access to load pulse output from the Company's metering equipment at the rate specified in the Terms and Conditions. ~~The~~ Supplier shall be responsible for providing and connecting its own devices to the load pulse output and for retrieving such information from the devices.

3 Extended Metering Services

The Company shall provide "read only" telephone access to the Company's metering equipment allowing ~~the~~ Supplier to retrieve interval data directly from the meter through ~~the~~ Supplier's own software at the rate specified in the Terms and Conditions. ~~The~~ Supplier shall arrange for the installation and ongoing charges associated with the phone service necessary to access the Company's metering equipment.

4 Special Request Services

By mutual agreement, the Company may install metering or communications equipment requested by ~~the~~ Supplier providing it does not interfere with the operation

of the Company's equipment. Such equipment must meet the Company's standards and requirements and will be owned, controlled, and maintained by the Company. ~~The~~ Supplier shall bear all costs associated with the new equipment review and approval process as well as the installation, ownership, and maintenance of such equipment.

E Customer Load Analysis

The Company shall provide Customer load analysis at the rate specified in the Terms and Conditions to ~~the~~ Supplier if requested, but only as provided further in this Section. The Customer load analysis shall include, but not be limited to, aggregation of interval demands for multiple metering points and determination of demand and energy usage for varying on-peak and off-peak periods which may differ from the Company's standard for such periods. The results of the load analysis will be provided to ~~the~~ Supplier in an electronic format.

~~The~~ Supplier is responsible for obtaining the Customer's authorization to release this information, except where explicit Customer consent is not required for community power aggregations, and Supplier is required to maintain the confidentiality of the Customer information. ~~The~~ Supplier may not sell or provide this information, in whole or in part, to any other party, and shall comply in all respects with the restrictions and limitations on use of such information under RSA 363:37-38.

F Determination of Supplier Loads (Estimation)

The Company shall determine Supplier's hourly loads and report such to ~~the~~ ISO-NE in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, and ISO-NE Rules. In addition, upon Supplier's written request as indicated in Exhibit B, the Company shall provide Supplier with the following reports: (1) daily report of Supplier's aggregated hourly loads; and (2) monthly reconciliation of Supplier's aggregated loads (completed once the Company has read Customers' meters). The Company will provide these reports to Supplier in a format designated by the Company and reasonably acceptable to Supplier. Upon Supplier's request, the Company shall provide the methodology used to calculate transmission and distribution line losses and unaccounted for energy.

The process of Supplier load estimation and data reporting involves statistical estimating,

reporting, settlement, and other activities. The Company shall not be responsible for any estimating, reporting, settlement, or other types of errors associated with or resulting from this process, and the Company shall not be liable to Supplier or any third party for any costs or losses that are associated with or result from any such errors. Supplier is responsible for checking and ensuring the accuracy of all such data.

G Purchase of Receivables

1 Purchase and Sale. Effective upon implementation of the Purchase of Receivables Program, subject to the Terms and Conditions, Supplier agrees to sell, and Company agrees to purchase, each existing and future Account Receivable for Customers on consolidated billing service as of the applicable Billing Date in respect of such Account Receivable, and in consideration of such purchase, Supplier grants to the Company a Security Interest in the Collateral as stated in Section VI hereof. As of the applicable Billing Date, title to such Account Receivable shall pass to the Company, and Supplier shall have no rights in or to such Account Receivable, and shall not seek to collect in any manner such amount from any Customer. Any Accounts Receivable, or portion thereof, that is sold to the Company under this Master Agreement and for which payment is received by Supplier from Customers shall be held by Supplier in trust as the property of the Company and shall be remitted in full to the Company immediately, and in any event within five (5) Business Days of receipt, without any deduction or set-off by Supplier. The Company shall have the right to endorse the name of Supplier on any and all remittances by Customers received by the Company that are payable to Supplier, and the right to collect the same from Customers. In addition, Supplier assigns to the Company any and all payments received from state, federal, or other agencies associated with the Accounts Receivable, including, without limitation, payments for heating or other financial assistance.

2 Payment by the Company. The Company shall remit to Supplier the Accounts Receivable Purchase Price on a timetable consistent with the average payment period, pursuant to the Terms and Conditions. The Company shall send a monthly "payment/adjustment" spreadsheet to each Supplier upon request to notify Supplier of the amount for which the Company will purchase Supplier's Accounts Receivable. The payment to Supplier shall be made monthly, consistent with the combined average

payment period of the Company's Customer Classes. The amount for which the Company will purchase the Supplier's Accounts Receivable will be calculated in the manner set forth in the Terms and Conditions. At the time Supplier's Accounts Receivables are purchased, the Company will reclassify the Accounts Receivables from Supplier's Accounts Receivables to a Company Accounts Receivable. Payment to Supplier shall, at the Company's option, be either by (a) Automated Clearing House ("ACH") or (b) Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT"). Except for the number of days provided in this Section, the Company reserves the right to modify the payment procedure under this Section to accommodate any Company operational and/or system changes upon NHPUC approval and thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Supplier.

3 Supplier Statements and Reports. The Company shall provide to Supplier all necessary statements and reports through an electronic format in accordance with the EDI Standards.

4. Netting of Payments. The Parties hereby agree that they may discharge mutual debts and payment obligations due and owing to each other under this Master Agreement through netting, in which case all amounts owed by each Party to the other Party may be netted so that only the excess amount remaining due shall be paid by the Party who owes it. If no mutual debts or payment obligations exist and only one Party owes a debt or obligation to the other during the monthly billing period, then such Party shall pay such sum in full when due.

5. Supporting Information. Supplier shall, upon the request of the Company, provide documentation and information regarding any Accounts Receivable sold to the Company to the extent required by the Company: (i) to verify the billing information provided by Supplier; and/or (ii) to collect from a Customer any and all charges associated with that Account Receivable.

VIII Fees

The Company may charge fees to Supplier as set forth in the Terms and Conditions ~~for Suppliers section of the Company's delivery service tariff~~ as itthe same may be amended from time to time and approved by the NHPUC. For services which are not delineated in the

Company's delivery service tariff, fees shall be negotiated and specified in Exhibit C to this Master Agreement. The Company shall have the right to subtract fees that Supplier owes to the Company, and that are sixty (60) days or more past due, from amounts the Company collects on behalf of Supplier before transmitting such amounts to Supplier or, following implementation of the Purchase of Receivables Program, from amounts payable by the Company for purchased Accounts Receivable. Any such Aamounts subject to a good faith dispute will not be subject to deduction.

Notwithstanding the above, for those Suppliers electing to use the Company's consolidated billing service, in the event of a Supplier default at ISO-NE or other event rendering the Supplier unable to provide Supplier's Generation Service to ~~e~~Ccustomers in the Company's service territory, including, but not limited to, suspension or revocation of its registration or license by the NHPUC or NHDOE, the Company shall, without further notice, have the right to set off any amounts owed to the Company by ~~the~~ Supplier from any funds that would otherwise be transmitted to ~~the~~ Supplier as of the date of the default or event.

IX Billing and Payment for Services

Bills for services provided by the Company under the terms of this Master Agreement shall be rendered to Supplier on a monthly basis and shall be due upon receipt. Failure of Supplier to pay within twenty-five (25) days of the postmark date on the bill shall result in the Company retaining any amounts due from revenues received by the Company collected on behalf of Supplier or to be paid to Supplier for purchase of Accounts Receivable. In the event that such revenues or amounts are insufficient to pay any amounts remaining due to the Company after such revenues or amounts are retained by the Company, the unpaid balance shall be subject to a late payment charge calculated at the rate of 1.5% per month on the total outstanding balance due commencing from the date said bill was postmarked. The bill may also be transmitted electronically if agreed to by the ~~p~~Parties. The electronic transmission date shall be considered the postmark date of the bill.

X Nondisclosure

Neither ~~p~~Party may disclose any Confidential Information obtained pursuant to this Master Agreement to any third party, including affiliates of the Company and ~~the~~ Supplier, without the express prior written consent of the other ~~p~~Party. Supplier acknowledges that the Company may disclose Confidential Information as it deems necessary to employees and agents of

Eversource Energy Service Company, the Company's service company affiliate, or its successor Service Company, to assist the Company in meeting its obligations under this Master Agreement. As used herein, the term "Confidential Information" shall include, but not be limited to: all business, financial, and commercial information pertaining to the Parties, Customers of either or both Parties, suppliers for either Party, or personnel of either Party; any trade secrets; and any other information of a similar nature; in each case whether written or in intangible form that is marked proprietary or confidential with the appropriate owner's name. Confidential Information shall not include information known to either Party prior to obtaining the same from the other Party, information in the public domain, or information obtained by a Party from a third party who did not, directly or indirectly, receive the same from the other Party to this Master Agreement or from a party who was under an obligation of confidentiality to the other Party to this Master Agreement, or information developed by either Party independent of any Confidential Information. The receiving Party shall use the higher of the standard of care that the receiving Party uses to preserve its own Confidential Information or a reasonable standard of care to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of such Confidential Information. Supplier shall, upon termination of this Agreement or at any time upon the request of the Company, promptly return or destroy all Confidential Information of the Company then in its possession.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Confidential Information may be disclosed to any governmental, judicial, or regulatory authority requiring such Confidential Information pursuant to any applicable law, rule, regulation, ruling, or order, provided that: (a) such Confidential Information is submitted under any applicable provision, if any, for confidential treatment by such governmental, judicial, or regulatory authority; and (b) prior to such disclosure, the other Party is given prompt notice of the disclosure requirement so that it may take whatever action it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, intervention in any proceeding and the seeking of any order or injunction to prohibit such disclosure.

XI Termination

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Master Agreement, either any Party, by written notice to the other Party ("Breaching Party"), may terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part with respect to such Breaching Party or suspend further performance without terminating this Master Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) the Breaching Party terminates or suspends doing business; (b) the Breaching

Party becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under federal or state law (unless such proceeding is removed or dismissed within sixty (60) days from the filing thereof), or becomes insolvent, becomes subject to direct control of a transferee, receiver or similar authority, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (c) the Breaching Party commits a material breach of any of its obligations under this Master Agreement or the Terms and Conditions and has not cured such breach within fifteen (15) days after receipt of a written notice from the other pParty specifying the nature of ~~thesuch~~ breach.

No delay by either pParty in enforcing any of its rights hereunder shall be deemed a waiver of such rights, nor shall a waiver of one breach or default be deemed a waiver of any other or subsequent breach or default.

The enumeration of the foregoing remedies shall not be deemed a limitation or waiver of any other remedies to which either pParty is legally entitled, including any right ~~to~~ set-off.

XII Force Majeure

Neither pParty shall be considered in default under this Master Agreement or responsible in tort, strict liability, contract, or other legal theory to the other pParty for damages of any nature or description for any interruption or failure of service or deficiency in the quality or quantity of service, or any other failure to perform if such failure is not caused by the affected pParty's fault or negligence, is caused by factors beyond the pParty's reasonable control and that by exercise of reasonable diligence the pParty is unable to prevent or overcome, including, without limitation, storm, flood, lightning, earthquake, explosion, civil disturbance, labor dispute, sabotage, war, insurrection, act of God or the public enemy, action of a court, public authority or Independent System Operator. In the event of a force majeure, both pParties shall take all reasonable steps to comply with this Master Agreement.

XIII Liability and Indemnification

The Company and Supplier shall each indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Party and ~~its~~ their respective affiliates, and the directors, officers, employees, and agents of each of them, ~~harmless~~ from and against all damages, costs (including attorney's fees), penalties and liabilities, in tort, contract, or otherwise, resulting from claims of third parties arising from, or claimed to have arisen from, any action of the other pParty conducted pursuant to this Master Agreement and the related Terms and Conditions. For purposes of such liability

and indemnification, however, the pParties acknowledge and agree that nothing in thesuch Terms and Conditions prohibits one pParty from impleading the other pParty as a third-party defendant, whether or not one or both pParties are named as defendants in the initial claim of a third-party. The third-party claim shall be stayed pending resolution of any dispute regarding liability and indemnification under this Master Agreement. Such resolution shall be final and binding upon the pParties only after agreement between the pParties or after entry of a final judgment, after any further appeals decided by a court of competent jurisdiction to which any appeal may have been taken from the initial determination of the court or arbitrator(s).

The pParties acknowledge and agree that, for purposes of this Master Agreement and the Terms and Conditions, a pParty seeking recovery from the other pParty in connection with the performance of its obligations of this Master Agreement and the Terms and Conditions shall not be entitled to recovery if its conduct is deemed to be more negligent than the conduct of the other pParty.

The pParties expressly acknowledge and agree that the dispute resolution provisions in SectionParagraph XV of this Master Agreement shall apply to any and all disputes arising under this Sectionparagraph, including, without limitation, those disputes that arise as a result of either of the pParties being named as a defendant in the primary action or being named as a third-party defendant by a defendant in the primary action.

Notwithstanding anything in this Master Agreement or the Terms and Conditions to the contrary, in no event shall eitherany pParty hereto be liable to theany other pParty hereto for indirect, consequential, punitive, special, or exemplary damages under any theory of law that is now or may in the future be in effect, including, without limitation, contract, tort, strict liability, or negligence.

Notwithstanding the availability of other remedies at law or in equity, either pParty hereto shall be entitled to specific performance to remedy a breach of this Master Agreement by the other pParty.

The provisions of this Section XIII shall survive the termination of this Master Agreement.

XIV Terms and Conditions

The pParties agree to act in compliance with this Master Agreement, the Terms and Conditions, and the EDI Standards at all times. In the event the terms of this Master Agreement conflict with the Terms and Conditions, the Terms and Conditions shall control.

XV Dispute Resolution

Disputes hereunder shall be reduced to writing and sent to the pParties' representatives for resolution. The pParties' representatives shall meet and make all reasonable efforts to resolve the dispute. Pending resolution, the pParties shall continue to fulfill their obligations under this Master Agreement in good faith, unless this Master Agreement has been suspended or terminated as provided in Section VII. If the pParties fail to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) days, they may mutually agree to pursue mediation or arbitration to resolve such issues. The pParties agree that the place of mediation or arbitration shall be Manchester, New Hampshire.

XVI Notice

All notices and other communications shall be provided to the Company's Supplier Services contacts as listed on the Company's website. Notices and other communications to Supplier shall be addressed as shown on Exhibit B. The pParties agree that any such notice so provided in writing ~~written notice~~, upon confirmation of receipt, shall constitute an acceptable form of notice ~~writing~~.

XVII Governing Law

This Master Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, without regard to the conflicts of laws in effect therein.

XVIII Enforceability

In the event that any portion or part of this Master Agreement is deemed invalid, against public policy, void, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction ~~law~~, the validity and enforceability of the remaining portions and parts hereof ~~thereof~~ shall otherwise be fully enforceable and remain in full effect.

XIX Assignment and Delegation

Either pParty to this Master Agreement may assign any of its rights or obligations under this

Master Agreement; provided, however, that no assignment by Supplier shall take effect until the assignee has met the requirements and conditions of Section IV hereunder. No assignment of this Master Agreement shall relieve the assigning pParty of any of its obligations hereunder ~~this Master Agreement~~ until such obligations have been assumed by the assignee.

In addition, either pParty may subcontract its duties under this Master Agreement to a subcontractor, provided that the pParty subcontracting shall remain fully responsible as a principal and not as a guarantor for performance of any subcontracted duties, and shall serve as the point of contact between its subcontractor and the other pParty, and the subcontractor shall meet the requirements of any applicable laws, rules, regulations, and the Terms and Conditions. The assigning or subcontracting pParty shall provide the other pParty with thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of any such subcontracting or assignment, which notice shall include any and all such information about the subcontractor as the other pParty shall reasonably require.

XX Miscellaneous

This Master Agreement is the entire agreement between the pParties and supersedes all other agreements, communications, and representations. This Master Agreement may be amended only by a written agreement of the pParties. Section and subsection Paragraph headings are for convenience only and are not to be construed as part of this Mater Agreement. This Master Agreement may be executed simultaneously in one ~~two~~ or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original for all purposes, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement ~~document~~.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first written above.

SUPPLIER

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A SUPPLIER INFORMATION

As Supplier must provide to the Company all of the information requested below prior to entering into a contract for services with the Company or providing Supplier's Generation Services to any of the Company's customers. A failure to provide all information will render the Company unable to provide services for Supplier.

1. Legal name of the supplier
2. Type of ~~Business~~ Entity
3. Supplier Dun & Bradstreet number
4. Supplier Tax Identification number
5. Supplier Contact for Legal Notices - Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address
6. Supplier General Contact - Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address
7. Supplier EDI technical Contact - Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address
8. Supplier ISO Load Contact - Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address
9. Date Supplier attended a New Hampshire supplier training session
10. Supplier's NHPUC or NHDOE supplier registration or license number, if available and if applicable, and the NHPUC docket number approving a community power aggregation's plan
11. Format and size of Supplier's account numbers
12. Name of Supplier's Value Added Network (VAN) provider
13. Supplier VAN ISA Qualifier
14. Supplier VAN ISA ID
- ~~15. Name of the NEPOOL Participant in whose ISO-NE Load Asset the Supplier's load will be served~~
- ~~16.~~ 15. Supplier's ISO-NE Load Asset ID Number
- ~~17.~~ 16. Estimated Load Transfer (kW Demand)
- ~~18.~~ 17. Estimated Transfer Date

EXHIBIT B

Information to be supplied by Supplier for provision of Supplier Services:

1. Name of receiving bank for payment receipts

2. Bank routing and transit number (ABA number)

3. Supplier bank account number

4. Is the account a checking or savings account?

5. Address where billings for services should be sent

6. Name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of primary contact
for resolution of billing payment questions and notices.

EXHIBIT C

Services Specified in Terms and Conditions for Suppliers

Billing and Payment Service	Required
Rates Maintenance and Error Correction Service	Required
Collection Services*	Required
Supplier Customer Service	Optional
Load Pulse Outputs Service	Optional
Extended Metering Service	Optional
Special Request Services	Optional
Customer Load Analysis	Optional

* Collection services no longer required following Company implementation of Purchase of Receivables Program

Rates for services not specified in Terms and Conditions for Suppliers to be decided upon by the Supplier and the Company.