

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

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

Docket No. DE 23-043

**PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICE RATE FOR
EFFECT ON AUGUST 1, 2023**

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to approve an adjustment to its default Energy Service (“ES”) rate for effect on August 1, 2023. In support of its Petition, Eversource says the following:

1. Historically, customers taking ES from Eversource were billed an ES rate reflecting Eversource’s actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power from its generating assets and supplemental market purchases, as approved by the Commission. On June 10, 2015, and following extensive negotiations, Eversource and other parties filed the 2015 PSNH Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement (the “2015 Agreement”), which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,920 (July 1, 2016), and which called for Eversource to transition to a new means of providing ES.

2. Consistent with the 2015 Agreement, on June 29, 2017 in Docket No. DE 17-113 Eversource sought Commission approval of a proposed process for procuring ES for customers on a competitive basis, rather than through its traditional method. Following discussions among parties to that docket, a Settlement Agreement was reached which set forth the method of and timing for Eversource’s transition to competitively procured ES following the sale of its thermal generating assets. That Settlement Agreement was approved by Order No. 26,092 (December 29, 2017).

3. Pursuant to the settlement in Docket No. DE 17-113, following the sale of its thermal assets Eversource issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) on January 12, 2018 seeking suppliers for its competitively procured ES. Eversource has procured and provided ES through the same method since that time. By this Petition, Eversource now seeks Commission approval of the outcome of its solicitation and the resulting retail rates for ES for the period of August 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

4. Enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments, and exhibits of Luann J. Lamontagne, James R. Shuckerow, and Parker Littlehale explaining the RFP process used by Eversource and the results of the RFP, as well as how the RFP conformed with the settlement agreement in Docket No. DE 17-113 and Order No. 26,104. Additionally, enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments, and exhibits of Marisa B. Paruta describing Eversource’s proposed rates for its Large and Small customer groups and the calculations underlying those proposed rates. For the Small customer group the proposed rate is \$0.12582 per kWh, and for the Large customer group, the proposed monthly rates are:

Large Customer Energy Service Rates	
Month	Rate (\$/kWh)
August 2023	\$0.11837
September 2023	\$0.09734
October 2023	\$0.09486
November 2023	\$0.13604
December 2023	\$0.22688
January 2024	\$0.29225

A hearing is scheduled for June 20, 2023 to review this submission and Eversource requests that the Commission issue an order as soon as possible thereafter, and preferably by Thursday, June 22, 2023.

5. Consistent with the procedures in Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07, Eversource requests that certain material, which has been filed confidentially, remain confidential. Specifically, Eversource seeks confidential treatment of the redacted portions of: Exhibits LJL-2, LJL-3, LJL-4, LJL-5, LJL-6, LJL-7, LJL-8, LJL-9, MBP-1, and MBP-3. Additionally, Eversource seeks confidential treatment of any discovery relating to the confidential information identified in these exhibits, consistent with Puc 201.06(a)(15).

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission issue a final order on or before June 22, 2023, containing the following:

1. A finding that Eversource followed the solicitation process approved by the Commission, and that Eversource's analysis of bids and selection of suppliers was reasonable and appropriate;
2. A finding that the proposed retail rates are appropriately calculated and consistent with Commission precedent;
3. A finding that the proposed retail rates are market-reflective and therefore just, reasonable and consistent with the public interest, subject to the ongoing obligations of Eversource to act prudently, according to law and in conformity with Commission orders;
4. Approval of the tariff changes necessary to incorporate the new rates, effective for service rendered on and after August 1, 2023; and
5. Approval of Eversource's request for confidential treatment of the designated confidential material pursuant to Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of June, 2023

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

Dated: June 15, 2023



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