

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DE 23-043

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

2023 Energy Service Solicitation

**MOTION FOR REHEARING OR CLARIFICATION OF ORDER NO. 26,851**

Pursuant to N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.07 and RSA 541:3, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”), respectfully requests rehearing or clarification of Order No. 26,851 (the “Order”) issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) on June 22, 2023 in the above-referenced docket. As explained in this Motion, there is only one minor issue on which the Company seeks rehearing or clarification: that is the issue of timing for the reporting requirement in the Order. The Order directed the Company to file a monthly summary comparison of average ISO New England (“ISO-NE”) market electricity prices with the power supply charge components of Eversource’s energy service rate for its Small Customer Group within 10 days following the end of each month during the default service period; however, the relevant ISO-NE information regarding average wholesale load cost components generally is not available until at least two weeks after the end of each month, and, accordingly, the Company requests that the Commission modify the Order to extend the summary comparison filing deadline to be 30 days instead of 10 days following the end of each month. In support of this request, the Company states as follows:

1. In the Order, the Commission approved the Company’s proposed energy service rates for the period from August 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. The fifth ordering paragraph on pages 8-9 of the Order requires that:

on a monthly basis over the six-month default service rate period, Eversource is to file by the 10th day of the following month, a summary comparison of the monthly average ISO-New England market electricity prices with the power supply charge components for Eversource's Small Customer Group.

2. To create the desired reports, Eversource will use information available from ISO-NE regarding Wholesale Load Cost Components, including monthly average energy and applicable capacity and ancillary services prices. Those reports were also the source for similar information provided by Eversource on February 17, 2023 in response to a Commission information request issued in Docket No. IR 22-053. As noted in that response, alternative approaches to providing such market price data may require detailed calculations based on load-weighted averaging of hourly energy market prices; those are calculations the Company does not otherwise perform, and would require reliance on estimated, rather than actual, data.

3. However, the monthly Wholesale Load Cost Components reports are typically not published by ISO-NE until the 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> day of each month (see ISO-NE webpage: <https://www.iso-ne.com/isoexpress/web/reports/load-and-demand/-/tree/mthly-whl-load-cost-rpt>). Accordingly, the Company seeks rehearing or clarification of the Order to extend the applicable filing deadline for the monthly summary comparisons from 10 days to 30 days following the end of each month during the default service period, so that the Company can utilize the necessary data contained in the ISO-NE Wholesale Load Cost Components monthly reports.

4. Under RSA 541:3 and 541:4, a party may move for rehearing of a Commission order within 30 days of the order by specifying every ground upon which it is claimed that the order is unlawful or unreasonable. The Commission may grant rehearing or reconsideration where a party states good reason for such relief. *Public Service Company of New Hampshire*, Order No. 25,361

(May 11, 2012) at 4. Good reason may be shown by identifying specific matters that were overlooked or mistakenly conceived by the deciding tribunal, or by identifying new evidence that could not have been presented in the underlying proceeding. *Id.* at 4-5; see also *Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp.*, Order No. 26,087 at 3-4 (Dec. 18, 2017). Within 30 days of the filing of a motion for rehearing, the Commission must grant, deny, or suspend the order or decision complained of pending further consideration, and the suspension may be upon such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe. RSA 365:21.

5. Good cause exists for the Commission to grant rehearing in this instance because the Order appears to have overlooked the timing of the ISO-NE data availability to enable the preparation and filing of the monthly summary comparisons. In particular, the 10-day filing requirement does not align with the publication timing for the ISO-NE Wholesale Load Cost Components monthly reports, but modifying the filing deadline would enable the Company to use that ISO-NE information in preparation of the monthly summary comparisons, which is a critical element to preparing the reports, as detailed above.

6. Accordingly, clarification or rehearing is warranted under these circumstances and should be granted, to the extent necessary, to specify that the summary comparisons shall be filed within 30 days rather than 10 days following the end of each month.

7. The Department of Energy and the Office of the Consumer Advocate have indicated to the Company that neither party objects to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests rehearing or clarification of the Order, for the reasons stated in this Motion, specifically to:

- A. Designate that the monthly summary comparison filings required pursuant to Order No. 26,851 shall be due within 30 days rather than 10 days following the end of each month during the default service period; and

B. Grant any such other or further relief as may be just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

Date: July 6, 2023

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