

July 18, 2024

Via electronic mail only

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

Re: Docket No. DE 24-070 - Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy - Request for Change in Distribution Rates
Motion for limitation of intervention

Chairman Goldner:

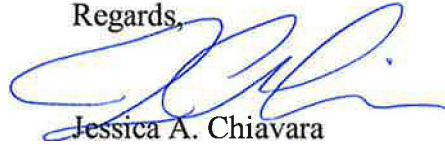
On behalf of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company"), this is to notify the Commission that the Company, the Department of Energy, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate have reached a comprehensive and unanimous settlement on the Company's request for temporary rates. The parties have agreed to a temporary rate increase of \$61,238,671. The parties are working expeditiously to finalize the language of the settlement agreement, and anticipate being able to file the settlement tomorrow, July 19, 2024. The settlement agreement will be offered as Exhibit 1 for the July 25, 2024 hearing on temporary rates.

To the extent that the Commission finds that the settlement agreement is late-filed by one day pursuant to Puc 203.20(f), the Company respectfully requests that the Commission accept the settlement agreement. Puc 203.20(f) provides that a late-filed settlement agreement will be accepted by the Commission if that agreement promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. The settlement agreement on temporary rates, reached by all the parties to the docket, would promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding as the parties were able to resolve all open issues pertaining to temporary rates, and have reached a figure that all parties believe to be just, reasonable and in the public interest, and will give the Company immediate rate relief consistent with RSA 378:27. Moreover, in that the settlement agreement will be among all current parties to the proceeding, would only be for temporary rates, and would only be effective during the temporary rate phase of the proceeding, accepting a late-filed settlement agreement will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

Upon filing the settlement agreement tomorrow, the Company will also submit the settlement as Exhibit 1 to the clerk of the Commission. All other exhibits for the temporary rates hearing were filed earlier today, consistent with the Commission's hearing guidelines. Those exhibits support the settlement agreement and provide an overview of the revenue included in temporary rates as well as the resulting rates themselves and associated bill impacts, so to the extent the Commission wishes to view what the parties have agreed to, the exhibits filed today for the hearing will be informative to that end.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission kindly accept the parties filing a settlement agreement on temporary rates tomorrow, July 19, 2024, which should still allow sufficient time for review in advance of the hearing scheduled for July 25, 2024. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,



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cc: DE 24-070 Service List