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Via electronic mail only

Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Docket No. DE 24-070 - Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules
PSNH update on settlement

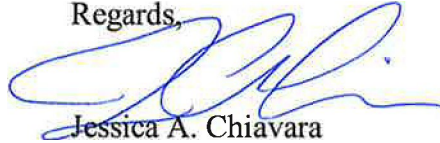
Chairman Goldner:

In response to today's procedural order requesting an update regarding settlement of this case, the Company provides the following information. PSNH broached the topic of settlement negotiations on Friday January 31, in anticipation of the commencement of scheduled negotiations beginning Monday February 3. The Department of Energy communicated that they would not engage in settlement talks until after the rest of their testimony was filed on February 7. Despite the Department's position, the Company made efforts and did in fact engage certain of the other parties to the docket the week of February 3 in an effort to advance settlement discussions while awaiting the Department's testimony.

The Company was able to commence settlement negotiations with the Department on Monday February 10, 2025, the day the Department's testimony was deemed filed. The Company appreciates all efforts made by participating parties. Unfortunately, PSNH finds that the Company's position in this case relative to its need for rate relief is too far away from the Department's current position to arrive at a settlement agreement at this time. The Company met with the Department at length on Tuesday morning, February 25, to see if sufficient progress could be much such that seeking an extension of the settlement deadline merited consideration, but it seemed unlikely that an extension would result in a successful settlement either. PSNH plans to file its rebuttal testimony on March 7, 2025, as directed by the Commission.

Consistent with Puc 203.04 this filing is being made electronically only. A copy of this filing has been sent to the service list for this docket consistent with Puc 203.06(b)(2). Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,



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