

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Request for Change in Distribution Rates

DOCKET NO. DE 24-070

WALMART INC.'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

Walmart Inc. (“Walmart”) moves to intervene as a full party intervenor in this proceeding pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and RSA § 541-A:32. In support of this petition, Walmart states as follows:

1. Walmart Inc. is a Delaware corporation registered to do business in New Hampshire. Its business address is 2608 J Street SE, Bentonville, AR 72716-0550. Walmart requests that copies of all notices, pleadings, orders, correspondence, and other communications be directed to and served upon the undersigned counsel, who is admitted to practice and is in good standing as an attorney in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Michigan.

2. On June 11, 2024, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) filed a Petition for Temporary and Permanent Rates in which it requests, *inter alia*, permission to increase its distribution revenues by approximately \$181.9 million, effective August 1, 2024, through increases to the distribution portion of the Company's rates.

3. Walmart is a large retail customer of Eversource, with 20 retail stores consuming more than 59,000,000 kWh annually as GV Primary General customers in Eversource’s service territory. Statewide, Walmart owns and operates approximately 28 retail stores, a distribution center, and related facilities, and employs more than 8,200 associates. In fiscal year 2024, Walmart spent \$327.9 million with New Hampshire suppliers, supporting approximately 6,735

supplier jobs.¹

4. Walmart will be directly and substantially affected by the issues to be considered in this proceeding. Therefore, Walmart is a party within the zone of interests protected by RSA § 541-A:32 and has a direct interest in participating in this proceeding. Walmart is entitled as a matter of right to intervene in this proceeding to assure that its interests in changes in Eversource's rates, as well as any other appropriate considerations, are addressed and protected in this proceeding.

5. Walmart's interests are not adequately represented by the present parties, and, therefore, it would be detrimental to the public interest to deny this Petition to Intervene.

6. Walmart has been an intervenor in previous dockets considered by the Commission, including Dockets Nos. DE-23-039 and DE 22-060.

7. Walmart's participation in this proceeding will assist the Commission in understanding the impact of this proceeding on Walmart's significant interests in it, as well as other issues presented by this proceeding. Because of its interests in energy efficiency and demand side management technology, Walmart employs a sizeable number of employees focusing on energy and environmental issues. Many of these employees previously worked in the energy industry and can provide testimony that will assist in resolving the issues presented in this proceeding.

8. If its intervention is granted, Walmart anticipates taking the position that Eversource's rates must be cost-based and properly structured. Walmart reserves the right to take other positions and seek other relief based upon a review of the various filings, the responses to

¹ <https://corporate.walmart.com/about/new-hampshire>

discovery, or positions taken in the testimony or briefs of other parties.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Walmart Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant it intervenor status as a full party of record and allow it to fully participate in this proceeding including, without limitation, filing and presenting testimony, cross examination of witnesses, participation in all formal and informal conferences and hearings, and filings of briefs and any other pleadings, to the extent they deem necessary for its full participation herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 9th day of July 2024, a true and accurate copy of this document was served via electronic mail to the persons shown in the attached service list in this docket pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17.

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