

**Before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission**

DOCKET NO. DE 24-070

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

Request for Change in Distribution Rates

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**  
**MOTION FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH” or the “Company”) hereby submits, pursuant to Puc 203.07(b)(4)(5)(9) this late-filed motion to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for remote participation access for consultant Vincent Rea for the hearings in this docket being held on March 25-27, April 3, 8 and 9, 2025. In support of this motion, the Company provides the following:

1. Mr. Rea is the Company’s cost of capital and cost of equity expert consultant for this docket; he is located in North Carolina. Puc 203.07(b)(9) requires motions for remote participation explain “why appearance in person would be impractical or unreasonable under the circumstance”. It came to light after the Company filed its motion for remote participation on Monday (which was the deadline for remote participation requests) that Mr. Rea is having back surgery and will not be sufficiently mobile to attend any of the hearings in person.
2. Puc 207.03(b)(4) requires any request for an extension of a deadline (a) demonstrate that not extending the deadline would cause the moving party undue hardship or inconvenience, and (b) show that the extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or affect the rights of any party. If the moving party establishes both (a) and (b), the Commission shall grant the extension. Additionally, Puc 203.07(b)(5) states that if the request for extension is not filed at least three days before the deadline in question than

unforeseeable circumstances shall be included with the request.

3. The Company would suffer undue hardship if it had to conduct the hearings without its expert witness on cost of capital and cost of equity, as there is no one to take Mr. Rea's place at this late date. Additionally, if participating remotely Mr. Rea would still be available for cross examination by all parties wishing to question him the same as if he were attending in person, and so no party's rights will be adversely affected, nor would remote participation by Mr. Rea delay the proceeding in any way. As mentioned above, Mr. Rea's circumstances were just discovered today, which is why this request is being made after the deadline for remote participation.
4. Because of the timing of the discovery of Mr. Rea's circumstances after the remote participation request deadline, the parties to the docket have not been consulted to see which of them assents to the motion. However, there is a prehearing conference in this docket tomorrow morning where this topic can be discussed if the Commission feels it necessary and any parties in attendance may have an opportunity to object to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that this Commission:

- A. Extend the fifteen-day deadline for motions for remote participation consistent with Puc 203.07(b)(4) so that this motion may be accepted;
- B. Grant remote participation access for Mr. Vincent Rea (whose email address is: [regulatoryfinanceassociates@gmail.com](mailto:regulatoryfinanceassociates@gmail.com)) for all currently scheduled merits hearings in this docket consistent with Puc 203.07(b)(9); and
- C. Grant such further relief the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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d/b/a Eversource Energy

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify, pursuant to Puc 203.06(b)(2) that on March 12, 2025, a copy of this Motion has been forwarded to the service list for docket DE 24-070.

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Jessica A. Chiavara