

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 24-070

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

Request for Change in Distribution Rates

**Procedural Order Re: Eversource Motion to Strike Testimony of
Large Customer Consortium; Upcoming Commission Investigation of Related
Matters Made Pursuant to RSA 365:5 and 374:4**

Reference is made to the Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource, or the Company) Motion to Strike the testimony of the Large Customer Consortium¹ filed on January 30, 2025, in response to the Large Customer Group's testimonial filing, prepared by Messrs. Eben Perkins and Tarik Cetin of Competitive Energy Services, LLC, of Portland, Maine, filed on January 24, 2025. The Large Customer Group, through counsel, filed a timely objection to the Eversource Motion to Strike on February 7, 2025. Oral arguments regarding the Eversource Motion to Strike, and the Large Customer Group's objections thereto, were heard by the Commission at a public hearing held on February 20, 2025, pursuant to relevant Commission procedural orders. No further pleadings relating to the Eversource Motion to Strike have been made since February 20.


Having reviewed the Eversource Motion to Strike, and the Large Customer Group objection thereto, and having heard the arguments made on February 20, the Commission hereby makes the following rulings. In the first instance, we concur with Eversource that this distribution rate case for the Company is not a suitable vehicle for the adjudication of

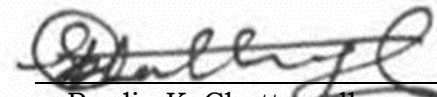
¹ The Large Customer Consortium (also known as the 'Rate LG Customer Consortium') intervenor group in this docket is comprised of Hancock Lumber Company, Inc.; Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.; Pike Industries, Inc.; and the University System of New Hampshire. The Large Customer Consortium was granted intervention by the Commission in this proceeding in Order No. 27,054 (September 5, 2024), pursuant to the discretionary intervention standard of RSA 541-A:32, II.

questions relating to transmission-related subcomponents of the Company's Rates LG and B distribution rates. *See, e.g.*, Order No. 28,106 (February 21, 2025), (denying Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire motion to compel). That said, we do believe that the Large Customer Group has brought forward weighty matters for our consideration in connection with the calculation of these subcomponents going forward, especially given the long period of time since these matters have been last considered by the Commission.

Therefore, we DENY the Company's Motion to Strike, insofar as we will allow the Large Customer Group's testimony to abide in this instant DE 24-070 docket, though the Commission shall DEFER any rulings on the issues raised therein. Furthermore, the Commission shall OPEN, on its own motion pursuant to its authority under RSA 365:5, RSA 374:4, and all allied authority, an Investigation regarding the matters brought forward by the Large Customer Group, to be launched by a separate Order of Notice, and with an initial prehearing conference date in May 2025. The Commission may take administrative notice of the Large Customer Group testimony filed in this docket in this future investigative proceeding, and the Large Customer Group may wish to re-file this material into the investigative docket directly.

So ordered, this tenth day of March, 2025.


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