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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Docket No. DE 24-112, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a
Eversource Energy, Petition for Adjustment to Stranded Cost Recovery Charge
Eversource Position on Procedural Schedule Modification

Dear Chairman Goldner:

As requested in the Commission's procedural order dated January 14, 2025, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") submits its position on the potential procedural schedule modification described in that procedural order.

Eversource understood the motion for rehearing filed by the intervenor group to be focused on the single issue of the new proposal (the "ES Proposal") to include the Energy Service Rate Reconciliation Adjustment Factor for collection through the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge ("SCRC") rate and not any other component of the SCRC rate. The intervenors seek to have further process in this docket only regarding the ES Proposal, and Eversource indicated its non-objection based on that limited scope of any further process, "provided that the issue will be resolved expeditiously, for example, within two months."

It is most important that the other components of the SCRC be adjusted as of February 1, 2025. In particular, the Part 1 Rate Reduction Bond ("RRB") costs and rates must not be approved or continued only on a provisional basis, to avoid any uncertainty in connection with Eversource's servicing of its RRB obligations. *See* Order No. 26,938 (January 26, 2024) in Docket No. DE 23-091. And, as noted in the Eversource testimony, the proposed adjustment for effect February 1 will result in a decrease in SCRC rates from those currently in effect.

Accordingly, Eversource urges the Commission to hold the hearing as scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st, to address all components of the SCRC rate other than the ES Proposal, and to approve adjustment of all such other SCRC rate components for effect February 1, 2025. Only the single issue of the ES Proposal would be subject to further process and adjudication in this proceeding, with a decision on the ES Proposal issued by April 1, 2025.

It may not even be necessary to have a prehearing conference regarding that sole issue, if the parties can agree on a procedural schedule for adjudication of the ES Proposal and submit that consensus schedule for Commission approval.

Eversource has reviewed this alternative proposal with the other parties in this docket and can report that CPCNH, NRG Retail Companies, and the NHDOE support, and RESA and Colonial Power do not object to, Eversource's proposed procedural schedule modification as described above. As of this writing, the OCA has not confirmed its position on the issue.

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Sincerely,

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