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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 24-115 Petition for Approval of the 2025 Lost Base Revenue Rate
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Motion to amend petition to remove EE portion of SBC to Docket No. DE 24-113 and
reschedule the December 26 hearing

Chairman Goldner:

On December 11, 2024 the Commission issued a notice of adjudicative proceeding and notice of hearing (“Notice”). In that notice, the Commission noted that an adjudicative proceeding would be convened to address, inter alia, “the combining of the EE rate and the LBR rate component proposals into a single petition by Eversource, with the EE rate component being kept separate from the Docket No DE 24-113 EE rate proceeding involving the other electric and gas utilities, and with the LBR rate component filing being made significantly later than in 2023.” (Notice at 3). As such, the Commission scheduled a hearing for December 26, 2024 with an aim to issue an order in time for an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Eversource’s only intent by combining the EE and the LBR rate components was efficiency of process, and the Company apologizes if doing so had the opposite result. To remedy this, the Company submits the attached motion, along with the testimony and supporting attachments of Ms. Ashley Botelho, which it hopes will achieve its initial, desired intent; to facilitate an efficient process for the Commission and other interested parties to review and approve rates on a timely basis and with minimal disturbance over the holiday season. With this motion, the Company seeks to amend the petition to remove the EE portion of the SBC rate from this docket and file it to Docket No. DE 24-113 for consideration and approval there for rates effective January 1, 2025. Per footnote 1 of the Notice, this is consistent with the procedural steps taken by the other utilities, and consistent with last year’s practice in Docket No. DE 23-098 and will consolidate all the EE filings of the utilities in one existing docket. For the LBR rate remaining in this docket, the Company seeks to modify the petition for the rate to take effect later than January 1, 2025, so as to afford the Commission and other interested parties sufficient time to review the LBR rate prior to approval, and, in particular, to avoid the need for a hearing at such a busy time of year, and when many key participants have long standing familial commitments.

The LBR rate need not have a January 1 effective date. The Company requested this in part out of past practice, in part because of the combination with the EE portion of the SBC, and

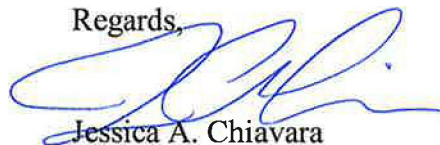
for efficiency of implementation. However, the Company understands that a December 1 filing did not provide much time for review if there is to be a January 1 effective date. In the future the Company will endeavor to make the LBR filing substantially earlier than December 1, and apologizes if the timing of the filing created a tax on the Commission and its staff.

To remedy the abbreviated review period in this docket, Eversource also proposes to modify its petition for an LBR effective date of February 1 or the 1st of any subsequent month should the Commission determine that it needs additional time beyond January to satisfactorily conduct its review so that the parties and the Commission have sufficient time for review. Although the LBR rate proposed represents a credit to customer's bills, as a fully reconciling rate with the application of carrying charges at the Prime rate, customers will not be harmed by a later effective date, since carrying charges will be applied in the future to compensate for the later rate effective date under this proposal.

Many, if not all of those who would be participating in the December 26 hearing have family commitments for the Christmas and Hannukah holidays and availability for the hearing is strained. The Company includes in its motion to amend a respectful request that, in light of pushing out the effective date, the Commission also reschedule the December 26 hearing for some time after the new year so all parties can be with their families for the holidays. The Company met with both the Department of Energy and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and all parties unanimously support this recommendation and request.

Consistent with current Commission policy this filing is being made electronically only; paper copies will not follow. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Chiavara', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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Attachments

cc: DE 24-115 service list