

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 22-034

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

2022 Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism

COMMENCEMENT OF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 26, 2022, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a letter notifying the Commission that it would be submitting its annual request for adjustment to its Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism (TCAM) rate for effect on August 1, 2022. Eversource's May 26 letter and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-034.html.

I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In Docket No. DE 06-028, the Commission approved a settlement agreement establishing the TCAM, "subject to [Eversource] continuing to comply with its responsibilities to support cost-effective transmission solutions when participating in New England Power Pool committees before [Independent System Operator (ISO)]-New England and at [the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission]." Order No. 24,750, at 23 (May 25, 2007). The TCAM is a fully reconciling mechanism that permits Eversource to recover all of its costs for transmission-related services. *See id.* at 13. With the TCAM, Eversource can set transmission rates for a defined future billing period based on transmission costs estimated using current and forecast data, which is provided primarily by ISO-New England. *See* Order No. 26,163, at 4 (July 31, 2018).

Eversource submits an annual filing for adjustment of its TCAM rate, in which it reconciles the actual and estimated transmission revenues and expenses for the prior period. *See* Order No. 24,750 at 13. The annual adjustment to Eversource's TCAM rate takes effect with service rendered on and after August 1, when changes to Eversource's Energy Service rate and Stranded Cost Recovery Charge also take effect. *See* Order No. 26,163 at 6-7.

II. ISSUES PRESENTED

The filing presents, *inter alia*, the following issues: whether Eversource used the appropriate method to calculate the proposed TCAM rate; whether Eversource properly calculated the proposed TCAM rate consistent with prior Commission orders; and whether the proposed TCAM rate is just and reasonable, as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and :7. Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues.

The Commission will be conducting any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the prehearing conference or hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374:2 and by RSA 378:5 and :7, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on July 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is,

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Eversource and any other parties on the service list, on or before June 20, 2022. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before June 30, 2022; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper

copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

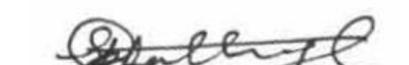
FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 13, 2022. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this second day of June, 2022.


Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman


Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner


Carleton B. Simpson
Commissioner

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