STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 20-054

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

2020 Energy Service Solicitation

ORDER OF NOTICE

On April 22, 2020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a letter containing a proposed schedule for its next default energy service solicitation for its large and small customer groups.

Pursuant to a settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,092 (December 29, 2017), Eversource issues separate requests for proposals (RFPs) for energy service supply for its customers twice a year for its large and small customer groups. The RFPs solicit 100 percent of power supply requirements for a six-month period beginning February and August each year for both customer groups.

The small customer group consists of customers taking service under Residential Rates R and R-Time of Day, General Service Rates G and G-Time of Day, and private area outdoor lighting associated with these accounts (Rate OL), and Rates OL and EOL (municipal lighting customers). The large customer group consists of customers taking service under Primary General Service Rate GV, Large General Service Rate LG, Backup Service Rate B, and OL rates for private outdoor area lighting associated with these accounts.

In this solicitation, Eversource will solicit power in approximately 100 megawatt tranches for 100 percent of the power supply for its small customer group, for the six-month period beginning August 1, 2020. Once it selects a supplier or suppliers, Eversource will set a fixed

monthly rate for the six-month period beginning August 1, 2020. For the large customer group, Eversource will solicit 100 percent of power supply requirements for the six-month period beginning August 1, 2020, and will set a monthly rate that will vary from month to month.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-054.html.

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to whether Eversource has procured energy service in a manner consistent with Order No. 26,092 and the principles of the electric utility restructuring statute (RSA 374-F:3,V(c)-(e)); and whether the rates resulting from Eversource's RFPs for default energy service supply are just and reasonable as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and :7. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote hearing, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, on June 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing may do so by clicking here. If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible. Parties will be provided with additional instructions prior to the hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director

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shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one day after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 11, 2020, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. 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, any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before June 16, 2020.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fifth day of May, 2020.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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