STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 19-057

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

Petition for Step Adjustment

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On October 9, 2020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a petition for the first of three step adjustments to distribution rates, pursuant to a settlement agreement in the above-captioned docket, also filed on October 9, 2020. Pursuant to that settlement agreement, this step adjustment would recover the costs associated with capital projects, excluding new business projects, placed in service during calendar year 2019, with the revenue requirement capped at \$11 million. In its filing, Eversource asked for an increase in revenue requirement of approximately \$10.651 million, for effect with rates on January 1, 2021. Eversource filed supporting testimony and related schedules with its petition. Consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement, Eversource requested the Commission permit it to recover the step adjustment through rates over a seven-month period, from January 1, 2021, through July 31, 2021.

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/2019/19-057.html.

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to whether the step adjustment is likely to result in just and reasonable rates, as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and :7; and whether the proposed rates will yield a just and reasonable rate of return on the prudent cost of Eversource's

capital improvements that are used and useful in the provision of utility service to the public. 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 December 1, 2020 and December 3, 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; 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 business day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business 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 November 26, 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 December 1, 2020.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twelfth day of November, 2020.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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