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September 12, 2016

TO: Commissioners

FROM: David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

RE: DE 16-542, Eversource Energy Annual Energy Service
and Stranded Cost Reconciliation for 2015

HEARINGS EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I served as the presiding officer over the prehearing conference (PHC) held in the above-referenced matter on September 12, 2016.

On May 2, 2016, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed testimony and related schedules in support of its proposed reconciliation of revenues and costs associated with its energy service and stranded cost recovery charge (SCRC) for calendar year 2015. Pursuant to an Order of Notice issued on August 15, 2016, a PHC was scheduled for September 12, 2016. The Order of Notice was published in the *Union Leader* on August 18, 2016, and an affidavit of such publication was filed on August 24, 2016.

Appearances

Matthew J. Fossum, Esq., for Eversource
Donald M. Kreis, Esq., for Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA)
Suzanne B. Amidon, Esq., for Commission Staff (Staff)

Intervention Requests

OCA participating pursuant to RSA 363:28, per a letter of participation filed on May 12, 2016. No petitions to intervene were filed, and no requests for intervention were made during the PHC.

Positions of the Parties

Eversource:

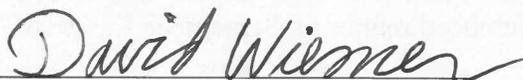
Eversource offered as an initial statement of position that its 2015 reconciliation filing had been prepared consistently with its prior such filings, that it had received and was preparing to respond to preliminary information requests from Staff, and that it would work with Staff and the OCA to complete the proceeding in an efficient and productive manner.

OCA:

The OCA stated that it would work with Eversource and Staff to investigate the company's filing and resolve any issues, all with regard for the interests of residential electric ratepayers.

Staff:

Staff stated that it had begun review and investigation of the Eversource reconciliation filing and had already made preliminary requests for relevant information from the company. Staff noted it had engaged a consultant to assist with this proceeding, but the consultant was unable to attend the PHC. As a result, it would not be possible to establish a definitive procedural schedule for the docket during the technical session to follow the PHC; however, Staff would work with the parties to develop a schedule culminating with a hearing on the merits held in March 2017.

By: 
David K. Wiesner, Hearings Examiner

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