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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Docket No. DE 18-XXX
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Proposed Tariff Amendment Re: Electric Assistance for Outdoor Lighting

Dear Director Howland:

Consistent with RSA 378:3 and PART Puc 1605 relating to service or tariff changes other than a full rate case, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or the "Company") herein proposes to amend the terms of its tariff relating to the availability of the Residential Electric Assistance Program Rate EAP as described on Original Page 48 of Eversource's tariff, NHPUC No. 9. Consistent with Puc 1605.02, enclosed with this cover letter and summary are annotated and clean tariff pages showing the proposed changes, and the supporting technical statement of Rhonda J. Bisson, along with relevant attachments. Eversource proposes that the changes become effective on August 1, 2018.

Following the implementation of the Electric Assistance Program ("EAP") Eversource, along with other New Hampshire electric utilities, began offering discounts on electric service to certain income-qualified residential customers. As specified in Eversource's tariff since approximately 2002, the discounts offered by Eversource were available to customers who have had outdoor private area lighting at their residences when that lighting was billed under Outdoor Lighting Delivery Service Rate OL. That is, for residential customers who had both a residential electric service account, and a separate service account covering outdoor lighting under Rate OL, Eversource would aggregate those accounts for billing purposes and apply the relevant EAP discount to the aggregated bill.

Based upon discussions of the EAP Advisory Board beginning in 2017, that body determined that it would be appropriate to end the application of the EAP discount to outdoor lighting accounts served under Rate OL. To conform with this determination, Eversource is proposing to amend the terms and conditions of service under Rate EAP in its tariff to alter the application of the EAP discount. Presently, Eversource has 148 customers who would be affected by this change.

Accordingly, and as described in the attached documents, Eversource proposes to amend its tariff to remove the language applying the discount to separate outdoor lighting service rendered under Rate OL. As noted in the attached, Eversource anticipates minimal impact to its revenue from the change. However, Eversource also anticipates that there will be an impact to the 148 customers currently receiving the EAP discount on their outdoor lights and is prepared to contact each customer to provide them information on the change and how it may affect them.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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