

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**before the**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

**DOCKET NO. DE 19-057**

**Request for Waiver of Notice Requirement**

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.05, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH” or the “Company”) hereby requests a waiver of the notice requirement of N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 1203.02. In support of its Request for Waiver, PSNH says the following:

1. On or about April 26, 2019, PSNH will be filing with the Commission testimony, exhibits, schedules and other required information supporting a temporary increase in distribution rates pending a full rate review. On or about May 28, 2019, PSNH will be filing testimony, exhibits, schedules and other required information supporting a permanent adjustment to distribution rates. Pursuant to Puc 1203.03(c) and (d):

(c) Except for telephone utilities which shall comply with the provisions of Puc 403.09, all utilities that file an application with the commission for a general rate change shall send to each of its customers a clear and concise statement of the rate schedules applied for and indicate which schedules are applicable to that customer.

(d) The information required to be distributed to customers under (c) above shall be distributed no later than 30 calendar days from the date of filing.

The submissions of PSNH on or about April 26, and on or about May 28, each qualify as an application for a general rate change.

2. In that both of PSNH’s impending filings may be viewed as an application for a general rate change, compliance with the rule would, arguably, require issuing multiple notices to customers. However, both filings are more accurately viewed as two parts to a single larger

filing. In PSNH's view, sending a notice to customers for the temporary rate request and again for the permanent rate request would be unnecessarily duplicative, as well as confusing to customers and the general public.

3. To avoid the unnecessary duplication, and potential confusion, PSNH hereby requests that a waiver be granted from the requirement to distribute a notice regarding the temporary rate request. PSNH would comply with the requirement to distribute the required notice as it relates to the permanent rate submission. In that the two notices relate to a single overall request for a base-rate change, providing a single notice to customers is reasonable and will avoid the confusion and misunderstandings that might come with customers receiving multiple notices.

4. Pursuant to Puc 201.05, the Commission may waive one or more of its rules if the waiver serves the public interest, and the waiver shall not disrupt the orderly proceeding of the Commission. The public interest is served if compliance with the rule would be onerous given the circumstances, and the purpose of the rule shall be satisfied by an alternative method. Puc 201.05 (b). In that customers will still receive the required notice relating to PSNH's general rate change application, the public interest in receiving information about the proceeding will be served and by avoiding customer confusion, the orderly conduct of the proceeding will be maintained. Accordingly, PSNH requests that the requested waiver be granted.

**WHEREFORE**, PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Issue an order granting the above-identified waiver, and
- B. Order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 26, 2019

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached Motion to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

April 26, 2019  
Date

  
Matthew J. Fossum