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Re: DE 19-057, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules
Granting Petition to Intervene of AARP-NH

To the Parties:

On December 6, 2019, AARP New Hampshire (AARP-NH) filed a late petition to intervene in the above-captioned matter. The deadline for filing petitions to intervene was May 17, 2019. *See* Order No. 26,250 at 3-4 (May 8, 2019). No party objected to AARP-NH's petition.

AARP-NH requested intervention pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 on behalf of its over 225,000 members in New Hampshire who are 50 years old or older. AARP-NH argued that it has substantial interests that may be affected by this proceeding, in which Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) seeks a substantial permanent rate increase and new charges affecting the residential customer class, which includes AARP-NH's members. It represented that individuals 50 years old or older are more vulnerable to rate increases, because many in this age group have low or fixed incomes, spend a greater percentage of their incomes on energy costs, and have special needs and safety concerns related to their access to electric service.

AARP-NH asserted that its intervention would serve the public interest, because its interests are not adequately represented by any of the other parties. For example, it stated that it plans to file expert testimony on matters which may not be addressed by other parties, such as Eversource's proposed decoupling charges, thereby offering the Commission an additional perspective on important issues. AARP-NH agreed to accept the current procedural schedule, so that its intervention would not unduly delay these proceedings.

Accordingly, the Commission has granted AARP-NH's request to intervene, finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. AARP-NH shall comply with the existing procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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