

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Docket No. DE 19-082

**PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE ENERGY SERVICE RATE FOR
EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

Pursuant to Puc 202.01(a) and Puc 203.06, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to approve an adjustment to its default Energy Service (“ES”) rate for effect on February 1, 2020. In support of its Petition, Eversource says the following:

1. Historically, customers taking ES from Eversource were billed an ES rate reflecting Eversource’s actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power from its generating assets and supplemental market purchases, as approved by the Commission. On June 10, 2015, and following extensive negotiations, Eversource and other parties filed the 2015 PSNH Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement (the “2015 Agreement”), which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,920 (July 1, 2016), and which called for Eversource to transition to a new means of providing ES.

2. Consistent with the 2015 Agreement, on June 29, 2017 in Docket No. DE 17-113 Eversource sought Commission approval of a proposal for procuring ES for customers on a competitive basis, rather than through its traditional method. Following discussions among parties to that docket, a Settlement Agreement was reached which set forth the method of and timing for Eversource’s transition to competitively procured ES following the sale of its thermal generating assets. That Settlement Agreement was approved by Order No. 26,092 (December 29, 2017).

3. Pursuant to the settlement in Docket No. DE 17-113, following the sale of its thermal assets Eversource issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) on January 12, 2018 seeking suppliers for its competitively procured ES. Eversource has procured and provided ES through the same method since that time. By this Petition, Eversource now seeks Commission approval of the outcome of its solicitation and the resulting retail rates for ES for the period of February 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

4. Enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments, and exhibits of Frederick B. White explaining the RFP process used by Eversource and the results of the RFP, as well as how the RFP conformed with the settlement and order in Docket No. DE 17-113 and Order No. 26,104. Additionally, enclosed with this Petition are the pre-filed testimony, attachments, and exhibits of Erica L. Menard describing Eversource’s proposed rates for its Large and Small customer groups and the calculations underlying those proposed rates. For the Small customer group the proposed rate is \$.08306 per kWh, and for the Large customer group, the proposed monthly rates are:

Month	Rate (\$/kWh)
February 2020	\$0.11297
March 2020	\$0.08743
April 2020	\$0.08196
May 2020	\$0.07212
June 2020	\$0.06453
July 2020	\$0.06899

A hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2019 to review this submission and Eversource requests that the Commission issue an order as soon as possible thereafter, and preferably by Thursday, December 12, 2019.

5. Consistent with the procedures in Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07, Eversource requests that certain material, which has been filed confidentially, remain confidential. Specifically, Eversource seeks confidential treatment of the redacted portions of: Exhibits FBW-2, FBW-3, FBW-4, FBW-5, FBW-6, FBW-7, and ELM-1. Additionally, Eversource seeks confidential treatment of any discovery relating to the confidential information identified in these exhibits, consistent with Puc 201.06(a)(15).

WHEREFORE, Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission issue a final order as soon as possible within 5 business days, containing the following:

1. A finding that Eversource followed the solicitation process approved by the Commission, and that Eversource's analysis of bids and selection of suppliers was reasonable and appropriate;
2. A finding that the proposed retail rates are appropriately calculated and consistent with Commission precedent;
3. A finding that the proposed retail rates are just and reasonable and consistent with the public interest, subject to the ongoing obligations of Eversource to act prudently, according to law and in conformity with Commission orders;
4. Approval of the tariff changes necessary to incorporate the new rates, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2020; and
5. Approval of Eversource's request for confidential treatment of the designated confidential material pursuant to Puc 201.06 and Puc 201.07.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of December, 2019.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

12/5/19

Date


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