

September 30, 2020

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: **Docket No. DE 20-005**
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Audit of Divestiture-Related Costs – Settlement Agreement

Dear Director Howland:

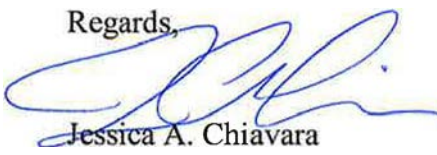
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the *Settlement Agreement on Audit of Divestiture-Related Costs* (the “Settlement Agreement”), which has been signed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the “Company”), and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”). The Settlement Agreement resolves all issues with respect to the Company’s divestiture of its generating assets and the recovery of divestiture-related costs at issue in this docket. The parties respectfully request the Commission to review the Settlement Agreement at the hearing currently scheduled for November 4, 2020.

The Settlement Agreement provides for recovery of the Company’s divestiture-related costs through Part 2 costs in the Stranded Cost Recovery Charge over 12 months beginning in February 2021. Attachment 2 to the Settlement Agreement shows illustrative bill impacts of 1.0 percent for Residential Service Rate R customers with usage ranging from 550 to 650 kWh per month.

The proposed Settlement Agreement is the end result of an extensive review by Staff, which included a comprehensive audit of the Company’s divestiture-related costs, multiple rounds of data requests and responses, and technical sessions. Through this process, the settling parties considered all aspects of the Company’s calculations, accounting methods, and record-keeping, including the costs associated with the mercury boiler removal project at Schiller station. As a result of this robust examination and analysis of the Company’s divestiture-related costs, the settling parties determined that the Settlement Agreement will result in just and reasonable rates and strongly recommend its approval.

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

Regards,



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Counsel, Eversource Energy

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