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RE: DE 20-062, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses

Recovery of Storm Costs from October 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019

Dear Attorney Fossum:

On May 1, 2020, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company) filed a petition to recover the costs of nine storm and pre-staging events that occurred from October 2018 through August 2019 from the Company's Major Storm Cost Reserve (MSCR) fund. In support or its petition, Eversource submitted the testimony of Erica L. Menard.

On July 28, 2020, Eversource filed revised pages of Ms. Menard's testimony to adjust a number of entries in the initial filing, as recommended by Commission Audit Staff (Audit). Eversource requested an audit of the costs described in its filing and the Commissioner's approval of the audited costs for recoverd from the MSCR fund. On August 11, 2020, Audit submitted its final report and recommendation regarding the costs associated with these events (Audit Report) to the Company, and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), and Commission Staff (Staff).

On April 20, 2021, Staff filed a recommendation based on its review of Eversouce's submissions and the Audit Report. Staff recommended that the Commission approve recovery from the MSCR fund of storm restoration costs in the amount of \$14,579,159, effective April 30, 2020, after the adjustments recommended in the Audit Report and agreed to by the Company have been completed.

The Commission has reviewed Eversources filings and Staff's recommendation. Based on its review, the Commission has approved Eversource's recovery in the amount of \$14,579,159 from the MSCR fund, effective April 30, 2020, as well as appropriate carrying charges. This amount represents Eversource's storm costs related to storm restoration and pre-staging events from October 2018 through August 2019, which have been audited and reviewed by Staff. Eversource shall notify Staff when the Company has made the required adjustments and confirm the final adjusted amount of recovery and the resulting balance of the MSCR fund.

Sincerely,

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