

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 20-136

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Recovery Mechanism and Rate Treatment for Net Metering and Group Host Costs

ORDER OF NOTICE

The Commission opens this docket, pursuant to Order No. 26,387 (July 31, 2020), to determine the appropriate recovery mechanism and rate treatment for Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's (Eversource) net metering costs and group host costs. In Order No. 26,387, the Commission rejected Eversource's proposal to recover those costs through its Stranded Cost Recovery Charge (SCRC), rather than through its energy service rates, finding that the issue had not been sufficiently developed either factually or legally to allow Eversource to recover net metering costs through the SCRC. In that order, the Commission also noted that it had previously approved a settlement providing that utilities would "have the opportunity to recover lost revenues attributable to customer net metering pursuant to the mechanism and process approved by the Commission for Unitil by Order No. 25,991 (February 21, 2017) issued in Docket DE 15-147." *Development of New Alternative Net Metering Tariffs and/or Other Regulatory Mechanisms and Tariffs for Customer Generators*, Order No. 26,029 at 50-51 (June 23, 2017).

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The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether Eversource's proposed recovery of net metering costs and group host costs through the SCRC mechanism would be proper and would result in SCRC rates that are just and reasonable, as required by RSA 374:2, and by RSA 378:5 and :7; whether there is a more appropriate recovery mechanism and rate treatment for Eversource's net metering costs and group host costs; and how the settlement terms approved in Order No. 26,029 in Docket DE 16-576 affect the determination of an alternative recovery mechanism and rate treatment for such costs. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on September 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15. Members of the public who wish to access the prehearing conference may do so [by clicking here](#): **If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible.** Parties will be provided with additional instructions prior to the prehearing conference; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, Eversource, the Staff of the Commission, and any intervenors hold a web-enabled remote technical session to review the issues raised in this proceeding; and it is

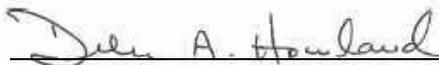
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice

on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before September 21, 2020, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before September 24, 2020.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-sixth day of August, 2020.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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