

May 28, 2021

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

RE: Docket No. DE 19-057 & Docket No. DE 20-161
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules & Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

System Assessment


Dear Director Howland:

On December 15, 2020 the Commission issued Order No. 26,433 approving an October 9, 2020 Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”) in Docket No. DE 19-057 relating to the rate case filing of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource,” “PSNH” or the “Company”). Relevant to this filing, Section 11.1 of the Settlement provides “at the Company’s expense, the Company shall hire an engineering firm to perform a condition assessment of the PSNH distribution infrastructure, including substations, to provide recommendations related to the Company’s short and long-term system needs consistent with the requirements of least-cost integrated resource planning.” Section 11.2 of the Settlement sets out certain specific attributes of the assessment and Section 11.5 states that the results of the assessment would be submitted by March 31, 2021 as supplemental testimony in the docket for Eversource’s 2020 least cost integrated resource plan (“LCIRP”) filing, Docket No. DE 20-161.

On February 4, 2021 Eversource sought an extension of the filing deadline to May 31, 2021 based upon the timing needs provided by the bidders seeking to conduct the assessment. The Commission granted that extension by Order No. 26,464 (March 26, 2021) on a *nisi* basis.

Consistent with the Settlement, as modified in Order No. 26,464, enclosed with this letter are the results of the assessment contemplated in the Settlement. Eversource hereby requests that the results be included as a supplement to the LCIRP filing in Docket No. DE 20-161. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure
CC: Service Lists