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Re: DE 14-XXX, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
Proposed Amendment to Controlled Water Heating and Load Controlled Service Rates

Dear Director Howland:

Consistent with Puc 1605, Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") is hereby proposing to amend the terms or conditions of service provided under its Controlled Water Heating ("CWH") and Load Controlled Service, 8, 10 and 11 hour option ("LCS") rates.¹ In that this change requires amending PSNH's tariff relative to the CWH and LCS rates, PSNH is requesting the Commission's approval of the amendments proposed. Consistent with Puc 1605.02, enclosed with this cover letter and summary are annotated and clean tariff pages showing the proposed changes, and a supporting technical statement. In that PSNH is not amending the rates themselves, as described below, PSNH has not provided supportive schedules and would request that, to the extent necessary, the Commission waive the requirement under Puc 1605.02(a)(4) to provide such schedules.

As described more fully in the enclosed technical statement, in late 2013 PSNH began a process of reviewing the accounts taking service under the CWH and LCS rates to determine if they remained eligible for the rates. As a result of that process, numerous customers have been removed from those rates. For those customers remaining on the rates, they require special metering equipment to take service under the rates, and many of the existing meters have reached the end of their useful lives and may be experiencing degradation in their capabilities. Accordingly, PSNH has concluded that new metering equipment is required.

Unfortunately, no metering manufacturer currently provides meters suitable for this application. After reviewing various options, as described in the technical statement, PSNH believes that the best and most reasonable solution would be to replace these specialty meters with standard AMR meters as part of its wider metering conversion project. Though the AMR meters would not possess the same functionality as the former meters, PSNH would propose to

¹ PSNH's proposal for the LCS rate relates only to the 8, 10 and 11-hour options under the rate and not the entire rate. PSNH's HeatSmart rate, which is also covered under the LCS rate, is not included in this proposal, and PSNH is not proposing any amendments to that option.

leave the customers served under the rates on the rates, while continuing its efforts to reduce the number of customers on the rates. Ultimately, PSNH intends to propose eliminating the CWH and LCS rates in a future rate case, and views this proposal as an interim solution until that time.

In that PSNH is intending to leave the customers served under the rates on those rates, PSNH does not anticipate any change in the existing rates, and only intends to change the tariff as necessary to permit PSNH to use AMR meters in place of the existing equipment. PSNH likewise does not expect a change in revenue as a result of the proposed change.

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

Very truly yours,



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