

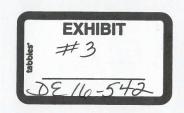
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RE: DE 16-542, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Reconciliation of Energy Service and Stranded Costs for Calendar Year 2014

Stipulation and Settlement Agreement

Dear Director Howland:

Please find enclosed a stipulation and settlement agreement signed by the parties to the above referenced docket. In the October 3, 2016 secretarial letter approving the procedural schedule in the docket, the Commission provided for the filing of rebuttal testimony or a settlement on February 21, 2017. Neither rebuttal testimony nor a settlement was filed as the parties were working to reach the settlement accompanying this letter.

By this letter, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") hereby requests that the Commission grant a waiver from the deadlines set out in the October 3, 2016 letter. In that the enclosed settlement is among all parties and resolves all issues, Eversource submits that granting a waiver permitting this settlement to be filed and presented will promote the orderly and efficient resolution of the docket. Moreover, the settlement agreement is still being filed more than 5 days prior to the March 22, 2017 hearing in the docket consistent with Puc 203.20.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Matthew J. Fossum Senior Counsel

Enclosures
CC: Service List