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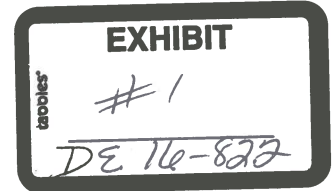
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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Docket No. DE 16-XXX
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Proposed Default Energy Service Rate for 2017

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and six copies of a petition, and the testimony and attachments of Christopher J. Goulding containing an estimate and supporting documentation for a Default Energy Service rate applicable to customers taking service from Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") under its Default Energy Service Rate DE on and after January 1, 2017. Pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(1)(A), customers taking Default Energy Service from Eversource will be billed a default energy service rate reflecting Eversource's actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing power, as approved by the Commission. This submission also includes the testimony of Daniel J. Ludwig regarding the Company's forecast of customer migration, and the testimony of Brian J. Rice regarding the lead/lag analysis required by Order No. 25,914 (June 28, 2016) in Docket No. DE 15-415.

Based upon the information contained in the filing, Eversource presently estimates that the rate for effect on January 1, 2017 will be 10.99 cents per kWh. Eversource anticipates that the estimated rate in this filing will be revised during the course of the proceeding to incorporate the most up-to-date estimates and information. Eversource's requested rate will be based upon the revised estimates and relevant supporting documentation filed prior to the hearing on the merits and reflect any estimated over or under recovery from 2016.

Eversource requests that the Commission open a docket on this matter and schedule a pre-hearing conference so that a procedural schedule may be established that will provide for an order in sufficient time to permit Eversource to institute the new rate for January 1, 2017.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures
CC: Office of Consumer Advocate