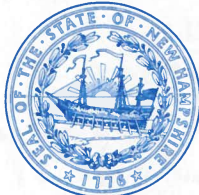


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October 31, 2016

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Re: Dockets No. DE 16-822 and DE 16-823  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
(Eversource)  
Energy Service and Stranded Cost Rates for 2017  
Report of Technical Session and Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to duly-issued orders of notice, the Commission held a prehearing conference on the above-captioned dockets on October 27, 2016. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter of participation pursuant to RSA 363:28, and no party moved to intervene in the proceeding. The OCA, Eversource and Staff attended the prehearing conference and the technical session that followed.

As directed by the Commission in Order No. 25,914 dated June 28, 2016, Eversource included the results of a recently-conducted Lead-Lag Study. Staff explained to the Commission that there was insufficient time to thoroughly examine the various additional data points and assumptions within the Company's Lead-Lag Study which includes expenses not identified in previous dockets, and requested the Commission direct Eversource to exclude the results of the Lead-Lag Study from the calculation of energy service rates for January 1, 2017 so the study could be thoroughly investigated. This matter was discussed at the technical session, and the parties agreed that Staff's suggestion is appropriate. The parties also agreed that the OCA and Staff can submit discovery questions on the recently-conducted Lead-Lag Study in the normal course in this proceeding.

The parties also agreed to the following procedural schedule for both Dockets No. DE 16-822 and Docket No. 16-823.

Discovery on filings  
Responses  
Technical Session  
Eversource Update  
Phone Conference  
Merits Hearing

November 9, 2016  
November 23, 2016  
November 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
December 9, 2016  
December 13, 2016 time TBD  
December 15, 2016 at 9:00

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept the agreement between Eversource, OCA and Staff regarding the Lead-Lag Study, and approve the procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Amidon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Suzanne Amidon  
Staff Counsel

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