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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

July 27, 2017 - 10:01 a.m.  
Concord, New Hampshire

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RE: DE 17-075  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY:  
Annual Reconciliation of Energy  
Service and Stranded Cost for 2016.  
(Prehearing conference)

PRESENT: David K. Wiesner, Esq.  
(Presiding as Hearings Examiner)

Sandy Deno, Clerk

APPEARANCES: Reptg. Public Service Company of  
New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy:  
Matthew J. Fossum, Esq.

Reptg. Residential Ratepayers:  
Brian Buckley, Esq.  
James Brennan, Finance Director  
Office of Consumer Advocate

Reptg. PUC Staff:  
Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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2 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Good  
3 morning. I'm David Wiesner, one of the Staff  
4 attorneys here at the Commission, and I have  
5 been designated to serve as Hearings Examiner  
6 for this prehearing conference this morning.  
7 This is docket DE 17-075, Public Service  
8 Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource  
9 Energy Annual Reconciliation of Energy Service  
10 and Stranded Costs for 2016.

11 If there are no preliminary matters  
12 that we need to attend to, I would invite the  
13 Parties to enter their appearances for the  
14 record.

15 MR. FOSSUM: Good morning. Matthew  
16 Fossum, here for Public Service Company of New  
17 Hampshire, doing business as Eversource Energy.

18 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Good  
19 morning.

20 MR. BUCKLEY: Good morning. Brian  
21 Buckley, staff attorney with the Office of the  
22 Consumer Advocate, and to my left is Mr. Jim  
23 Brennan, Director of Finance for the Office of  
24 the Consumer Advocate, here representing the

1 interests of residential ratepayers.

2 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Good  
3 morning, gentlemen.

4 MS. AMIDON: Good morning. Suzanne  
5 Amidon, for Commission Staff, and with me is  
6 Rich Chagnon, an Analyst with the Electric  
7 Division.

8 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Good  
9 morning.

10 Are there any petitions to intervene,  
11 late-filed or pending?

12 MR. FOSSUM: I have not seen any.

13 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Okay.

14 MS. AMIDON: I haven't seen any  
15 either.

16 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Okay.  
17 Thank you. I would then invite the Parties to  
18 enter their initial statements of position for  
19 the record.

20 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you. I don't  
21 suppose I have much to say this morning. The  
22 Company has filed its Annual Reconciliation for  
23 calendar year 2016, consistent with how it has  
24 filed these reconciliations for a number of

1 years, setting out costs, expenses, revenues,  
2 and the like, along with explanations relating  
3 to them.

4 The Company's position is that it has  
5 made reasonable and prudent decisions through  
6 2016, and that its reconciliation of costs for  
7 Energy Service and for the Stranded Costs  
8 should be approved.

9 And that's -- well, that's the  
10 Company's position this morning.

11 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank  
12 you. And Mr. Buckley, for OCA.

13 MR. BUCKLEY: The Office of the  
14 Consumer Advocate is still evaluating the  
15 issues presented within the present Petition.  
16 Though, we note that one particular issue has  
17 piqued (CH) our interest, and that is a  
18 approximately \$3.4 million Settlement Agreement  
19 regarding shipments of coal that were unable to  
20 materialize.

21 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank  
22 you. And Ms. Amidon.

23 MS. AMIDON: Yes. Staff has no  
24 position, and we intend to engage in discovery

1 on this matter. We, too, are concerned about  
2 that \$3.4 million contract settlement. In  
3 addition, there are some other under recoveries  
4 that we're concerned about and want to examine  
5 a little more closely.

6 But I will say, overall, it looks  
7 like a standard filing. And we hope to be able  
8 to develop a procedural schedule following this  
9 prehearing conference and present that to the  
10 Commission for its consideration.

11 HEARINGS EXAMINER WIESNER: Thank  
12 you.

13 And, if there's nothing else we need  
14 to address this morning, and I'm not aware of  
15 any, I think it's in order for us to close the  
16 record of the preferring conference, and wish  
17 you good luck with your technical session.  
18 Thank you.

19 MS. AMIDON: Thank you.

20 MR. FOSSUM: Thank you.

21 ***(Whereupon the prehearing***  
22 ***conference was adjourned at***  
23 ***10:04 a.m., and a technical***  
24 ***session was held thereafter.)***