

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 25-017

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

2025 Energy Service Solicitations

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 13, 2025, in Docket No. DE 24-112, the Commission issued Order No. 28,147, in which it advised Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or the Company) and the parties to that proceeding:

[G]iven the lack of certainty regarding the provenance of the [Energy Service Reconciliation] \$6.5 million balance, and the Company's admission of accounting errors leading thereto...we ORDER that deferral of this balance continue, pending further rulings by the Commission, with the proviso that the accrual of interest (carrying charges) on this balance CEASE, immediately. Furthermore, we hereby TRANSFER all issues relating to this balance, and any proposals by the Company for modification of the Energy Service Reconciliation treatments, to Docket No. DE 25-017, the Company's Energy Service proceeding, for adjudication after the June 2025 review of Eversource's August to January Energy Service results and rates is concluded. This adjudication shall be noticed in DE 25-017 by a Supplemental Order of Notice to be issued in July 2025.

Order No. 28,147 at 7. This instant Supplemental Order of Notice in Docket DE 25-017 commences this further phase of the proceeding referenced above. All docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/VirtualFileRoom/Docket.aspx?DocketNumber=DE%2025-017>.

The matter of the Company's purported Energy Service Reconciliation under-collection balance of \$6.5 million has been before the Commission for more than a year. The Company first presented this issue to the Commission within its June 2024

Energy Service petition filed in Docket No. DE 24-046, for the Energy Service rates effective August 2024 through January 2025. The Commission, in an abundance of caution, required the Company to file its then-extant proposal to collect this balance through distribution rate charges on Eversource customers into its next Stranded Cost Reconciliation Charge (SCRC) review proceeding, which would be docketed in DE 24-112. *See* Order No. 27,022 (June 20, 2024); *see also* DE 24-112 Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing Order (Dec. 12, 2024); Docket Tab #5.

During the course of the phases of the DE 24-112 proceeding addressing this reconciliation balance, much uncertainty developed regarding the causes of this balance, through both the testimony of the Company, and that of other parties. It also appears that the actual balance in question, when calculated with a greater degree of accuracy, is likely significantly smaller. Therefore, as held by the Commission in Order No. 28,147, the Commission will now adjudicate the issues surrounding this balance, and the appropriate remedies therefor.

This proceeding presents, *inter alia*, the following additional issues: whether the purported Energy Service reconciliation balance in question has been properly calculated, and/or properly attributed to individual Eversource customers and/or classes of Eversource customers, whether taking Energy Service from Eversource or otherwise; whether derivation of an accurate, final calculation of this balance has been accomplished by the Company; whether any refunds are properly due to individual Eversource customers, and/or classes of customers, whether taking Energy Service or otherwise; whether any assessments of costs upon individual Eversource customers, and/or classes of customers, whether taking Energy Service or otherwise, would be necessary or proper; whether any Eversource shareholder responsibility for the purported reconciliation balance, and any Company errors contributing thereto,

should be incurred by the Company; and whether the resulting rates would be just and reasonable as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and RSA 378:7.

Accordingly, a further phase of this adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues. Parties may seek to have official notice, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 204.18, granted by the Commission by their motion for relevant portions of the record of other proceedings relating to these issues.

The Commission will be conducting any hearings scheduled in this matter in person, pursuant to the previously-approved Hearing Guidelines for this proceeding. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that further phase of this adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374:2, RSA 374:4, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on August 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. One day shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Eversource shall file, with the concurrence of the other parties to this proceeding, a proposal for the procedural schedule for this phase of the proceeding by July 25, 2025; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the New Hampshire Department of Energy is requested to file its updated position regarding these matters, including the reasons for this position, on or before August 22, 2025; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with RSA 541-A:32, Puc 204.08, and Puc 203.06, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Eversource and any other parties on the service list, on or before August 1, 2025. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with Puc 204.08; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before August 8, 2025; and it is

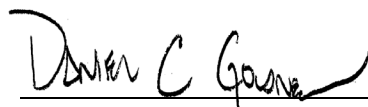
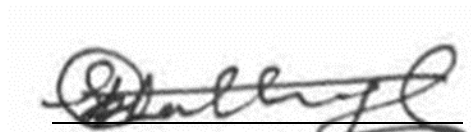
FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission in accordance with the Commission's administrative rules. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or www.puc.nh.gov/about-us/contact-us. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Puc 204.04, Eversource shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this supplemental order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before July 25, 2025. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this supplemental order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the previously issued hearing guidelines.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventeenth day of July, 2025.


Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman
Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner
Mark W. Dell'Orfano
Commissioner

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