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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commissioners Dell'Orfano and Chattopadhyay,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider granting the timely motion for rehearing filed Friday, January 30, 2026 by the New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) in Docket No. DE 24-070, the Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Distribution Service Rate Case (Eversource Rate Case). New Hampshire ratepayers continue to pay significantly higher electricity rates than the national average – consistently hovering in the top 10 most expensive states. As the commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), you are empowered to reconsider both the original decision on the merits (the July 25, 2025 Order) as well as those newly articulated in the December 31, 2025 decision on rehearing (the First Rehearing Order). While I acknowledge that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Interim Chairman already issued an order dismissing the OCA pleading as moot, I urge you to reconsider this decision and to instead give due consideration to the OCA's timely motion for rehearing.

In responding to the first motions for rehearing filed last August, you demonstrated a willingness to revisit one problematic area of the original decision on the merits (the July 25, 2025 Order) by walking back approval for the unwarranted yearly increases in the fixed customer charge. I urge you to revisit two other detrimental areas of the July 25, 2025 Order and subsequent rehearing decision: (1) the allowance of an alternative regulation plan that appears to lack necessary commissioner support and yields rates that are not reasonable; and (2) the authorization of an

additional cost-of-service mark up, providing a rate that would yield more than the utility requires.

My constituents – your ratepayers – are unquestionably hurting. Across the country, more than a quarter of U.S. households have been unable to pay their utility bill in full at least once over the last 12 months. Meanwhile Eversource, which is a monopoly, has been awarded a premium, driving up rates. New Hampshire residents and businesses simply cannot bear to pay more than is absolutely necessary to attract investment in the system. The OCA put forth testimony estimating a more appropriate cost-of-service markup for Eversource.

Additionally, the alternative regulation plan must not move forward in its current form. Putting aside the parties' critiques of Eversource's unsolicited proposal on this matter, it appears that the commissioners themselves are not in agreement. As reported on January 6, 2026, in an IndepthNH.org story, Interim Chairman Dell'Orfano now takes the position that the alternative regulation plan is inconsistent with existing statute, and Commissioner Chattopadhyay expresses support only with modification. Thus, a substantively divided Commission – where no sitting commissioner supports the alternative regulation plan as approved – must now act to correct this error.

In Congress, I'm fighting hard to lower energy costs for hardworking people, especially since New Hampshire continues to have some of the highest energy costs in the country. While I understand that the time is no longer ripe to formally intervene in this rate case proceeding, it is clear from the current case that more voices are needed to ensure that the energy affordability concerns remain front and center in the PUC's decision-making process.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to grant the OCA's motion for rehearing and to address the deficiencies identified here. New Hampshire ratepayers are counting on us to ensure that rates are affordable so that decisions between eating and heating do not occur this winter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Maggie Goodlander
Member of Congress