STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PURA ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE CHARGES OR CREDITS FILED BY CONNECTICUT LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES	:	**DOCKET NO. 26-10-01**
	:	**OCTOBER 30, 2026**

PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY'S d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY PROVISION OF CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

WHEREAS, in Docket No. 26-10-01, Yankee Gas Services Company ("Yankee" or the "Company") d/b/a Eversource Energy has been ordered to provide to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") the materials listed in Exhibit 1, which contain information or data that would, in the opinion of the Company, result in the disclosure of confidential, proprietary, or otherwise sensitive commercial and financial information that is given in confidence and not required by statute, and which information Eversource contends constitutes trade secrets within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-210(b)(5) ("Confidential Information").

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the following procedure is adopted for the protection of Confidential Information provided by the Company.

1. All Confidential Information provided by the Company, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified as follows: "[identifying title] [**CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**]" and will be governed by the terms of this Protective Order (the "Order"). The Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies or otherwise.

2. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be given to Commissioners and staff of the Authority, the Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") and its staff, upon execution of the Acknowledgment referenced below. All such Confidential Information also shall be provided to other representatives of the Authority and OCC (including counsel and consultants) as they become Signatories to the Order and execute the Nondisclosure Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (hereinafter, "Signatories").

3. All Signatories to this protective order agree to be bound by its terms and shall not use or disclose the Confidential Information except for purposes of this proceeding. All parties and intervenors, including consultants in receipt of any Confidential Information under the Order shall maintain a written log of all individuals granted access to said Confidential Information. All persons granted access to the Confidential Information shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or for any other purpose, other than the purpose of preparation for and conduct of this proceeding solely as contemplated herein and shall in good faith take all reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of the Order.

4. Confidential Information will be marked as such and delivered electronically by email to PURA and to the OCC. The email's subject line shall state in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

5. Any Confidential Information made available pursuant to the Order shall be part of the record in the docket cited above, subject to the same relevancy and other evidentiary considerations as nonconfidential information, subject to the conditions stated in this Order, including Paragraphs Six and Seven hereof.

6. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any interrogatory, letter, petition, brief or other writing ("Document"), all reference to the Confidential Information in the Document shall be either:

(a) in a separate document, prominently labeled "Confidential and Proprietary Information," which document shall be safeguarded in accordance with the Order and distributed only to Commissioners and staff of the Department, to the OCC, and to Signatories; or

(b) solely by title or exhibit reference, in a manner reasonably calculated not to disclose the Confidential Information.

7. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any proceeding or during the course of a public hearing before the Authority or its Commissioners ("Hearing"), the Hearing shall not be held before, nor any record of it made available to, any party, intervenor, or other person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate Department and OCC staff. Presence at the Hearing shall be limited to one or more Commissioners and appropriate staff of the Authority, representatives of the Company, staff of the OCC, and other Signatories to this Protective Order. No record shall be disclosed, nor any communication made, of use of the Confidential Information in the Hearing to any person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate Authority and OCC staff. Any transcript or other recording of the Hearing which relates to the Confidential Information shall be placed in sealed envelopes or containers and a statement in the following form placed prominently on such envelope or container:

"**CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY**"
"This envelope is not to be opened nor the contents to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the pertinent Protective Order issued in Docket No. 26-10-01."

8. Nothing herein shall be construed as a final determination that any of the Confidential Information will be admissible as substantive evidence in this proceeding or at any hearing or trial. Moreover, nothing herein shall be considered a waiver of any party's right to assert at a later date that the material is or is not proprietary or privileged. A party seeking to change the terms of the Order shall by motion give every other party five (5) Authority business days prior written notice. No information protected by the Order shall be made public until the Authority rules on any such motion to change the terms of the Order. Confidential Information otherwise properly discovered, even though also subject to the terms of the Order, shall not be considered protected by the Order.

9. All copies of such Confidential Information shall be returned to the Company no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of all appeal periods applicable to the final decision rendered in this proceeding.

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By _____
Commissioner

Dated: _____

REVIEWED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has reviewed this Protective Order, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms thereof in exchange for receipt of the Confidential Information from The Company.

RECIPIENT: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

DATE: _____

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EXHIBIT 1

DOCKET NO. 26-10-01
YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

LISTING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. Supplier invoices with references to Yankees' Firm Deferred Gas Summary and reconciliation of invoices (Exhibit 3A)
2. Fixed Price Arrangements with Interruptible Customers (Exhibit 2K)
3. External Gas Price Forecasts (Exhibit 2E)
4. Electronic File with gas cost allocations for September 2025 to August 2026.

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EXHIBIT 2

DOCKET NO. 26-10-01
YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Yankee Gas Services Company ("Yankee" or the "Company") d/b/a Eversource Energy agrees to make available to _____ ("Recipient") confidential and proprietary information filed in Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority Docket No. 26-10-01 ("Confidential Information") subject to restrictions stated herein.

1. Any information provided to Recipient and labeled "Confidential Information" by the Company shall be Confidential Information subject to this Nondisclosure Agreement.

2. The Confidential Information is received by Recipient in confidence.

3. The Confidential Information shall not be used or disclosed by the Recipient except in accordance with the terms contained herein and in the Company's Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. 26-10-01.

4. Only individuals, and not entities, may be Recipients of Confidential Information under this paragraph. The Recipient must be an attorney or independent expert witness for a party or intervenor in this proceeding and may not be an investor in any business or entity engaged in the gas business. The Recipient acknowledges that he/she now represents or in the future may represent a business or entity engaged in the gas business and that disclosure of Confidential Information to a business or entity engaged in the gas business or use of such information for the benefit of such business or entity could adversely affect The Company. By executing this Nondisclosure Agreement, each Recipient certifies that he/she meets the requirements of this paragraph.

5. The following conditions shall apply to each Recipient:

a. Each Recipient will receive one (1) Yankee's numbered, controlled copy of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall not make any copies thereof or provide the Confidential Information to any individual or entity except one who has executed and delivered this Nondisclosure Agreement to the Company.

b. The Recipient shall maintain a log of all persons granted access to the Confidential Information.

c. The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement acknowledges that he/she may not in any manner disclose the Confidential Information to any person, and that

he/she may not use the Confidential Information for the benefit of any person except in this proceeding and in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

d. The Recipient acknowledges that any violation of this Nondisclosure Agreement may subject the Recipient to civil actions for violation hereof. Additionally, any Recipient who is an attorney acknowledges his/her ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct to abide by this Nondisclosure Agreement and to handle properly confidential information that is subject to a protective order.

e. Within thirty (30) days of the final decision in this Proceeding, Recipient shall return the Confidential Information to the Company.

YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY **d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY**	**RECIPIENT**
By: _____	By: _____
Dated: _____	Dated: _____