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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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**RE: Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility,
Docket No. 2015-04**

Dear Attorney Iacopino:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 10, 2015, outlining your proposal to represent the NH Site Evaluation Committee in the above referenced docket.

I have confirmed with the Attorney General's Office that you are authorized to proceed as described in your letter.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Monroe
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Attachment

Cc: Brian Buonamano, Assistant Attorney General, DoJ



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April 10, 2015

Martin Honigberg, Chairman
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**Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Seacoast Reliability
Project
NHSEC No. 2015-04**

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

As you know the Brennan Lenehan firm and I have acted as outside counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") over the course of the past 15 years. Our firm has represented the Committee in numerous matters including Applications for Certificates of Site and Facility for wind power facilities, gas powered facilities, transmission lines and pipelines.

I currently represent the Committee in several matters including its enforcement proceedings regarding the Groton Wind facility and the pending petition for jurisdiction filed by Antrim Wind, LLC. In addition, I have provided various services to the Committee that have not been associated with any particular Application, but have assisted the Committee in responding to public concerns. I have also represented the Committee when dealing with the miscellaneous energy facility siting issues that arise, including requests for exemptions from certification, requests for modifications of outstanding Certificates and requests for jurisdictional advice. I have also been involved in the efforts of the Committee to promulgate administrative regulations.

It is my understanding that the Committee will be receiving an Application from Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility in connection with the Seacoast Reliability Project.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that our office is available, ready, willing and able to represent the Committee with respect to the Petition for Jurisdiction if, in fact, the Committee deems it necessary and appropriate to hire outside counsel for this purpose. I can confirm that my office has no conflicts of interest in representing the Committee in this matter.

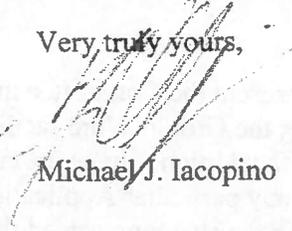
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Pursuant to statute, the Applicant or party seeking the Committee's action is responsible for the payment of attorney's fees. See, RSA 162-H:10, V. As Chair of the Committee, you have the authority to engage personnel in accordance with the enabling statute. See, RSA 162-H:3, IX(d). The statute also states that the Chair, in the absence of an administrator and with Committee approval, may hire additional legal support to fulfill the functions of the Committee as necessary. In the past, our bills have been presented to the Chairman of the Committee for approval and then forwarded to the Applicant for payment. To the best of my knowledge, that process worked well and would still be permitted under the statute as amended.

In representing the Committee in this matter, I would propose attorney fees at the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour and reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by counsel. To the extent that I employ the use of an associate in my office, the hourly rate for such an associate will be no more than \$200.00 per hour. In no case will my office charge more than \$200.00 per hour and our time will never be billed twice for two lawyers working on the matter at the same time, including attendance at meetings or hearings.

Should you require any further information about my firm, me or our qualifications, I would be happy to provide that in whatever format you require. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the Committee and ask that you approve our representation under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Iacopino

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Monroe, Pamela

From: Edwards, Anne M. <Anne.Edwards@doj.nh.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 5:34 PM
To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: RE: Seacoast engagement letter

Hi Pam, Please do call me Anne.

The Attorney General's Office approves the retention of Attorney Iacopino and the Brennan, Lennehan, Iacopino & Hickey firm to act as counsel for the NHSEC for the Eversource Energy project, Docket No. 2015-04.

One thing I note in Attorney Iacopino's letter, on page 2, is that the bills will be submitted to the NHSEC Chair "in absence of an administrator." Now that you are in place as the NHSEC's Administrator, his bills should be forwarded to you.

Would you please explain this to Attorney Iacopino and ask him to correct this in future letters?

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know. Thanks, Anne

From: Monroe, Pamela [<mailto:Pamela.Monroe@sec.nh.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 4:21 PM
To: Edwards, Anne M.
Subject: FW: Seacoast engagement letter

Dear Attorney Edwards--

Please see attached letter from Attorney Michael Iacopino to serve as outside counsel for the NH Site Evaluation Committee in Docket No. 2015-04, Eversource Energy, a transmission project known as the Seacoast Reliability Project. I am requesting that you please review the attachment and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Pam

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From: Michael J. Iacopino [<mailto:miacopino@brennanlennehan.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 3:18 PM
To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Seacoast engagement letter

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