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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Administrator for the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). On April 12, 2016, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, filed an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee). The Application seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction, and operation of a new 115 kV electric transmission line between existing substations in Madbury, New Hampshire and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The new transmission line will be approximately 12.9 miles in length and is comprised of a combination of above ground, underground, and underwater segments and will be located in the Towns of Madbury and Durham in Strafford County, and the Town of Newington and the City of Portsmouth in Rockingham County.

This matter has been docketed as SEC Docket No. 2015-04 and is commonly referred to as the Seacoast Reliability Project. The Applicant has provided documentation to the SEC that the governing body of each municipality where the Project is proposed to be located was provided a copy of the Application.

Pursuant to R.S.A. 162-H:16, IV(b), the Committee, as part of its review, must consider whether the site and facility will "unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of municipal and regional planning commissions

and municipal governing bodies." In addition, RSA 541-A:39, I, provides that all affected municipalities shall receive notice and be afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or comments with respect to any action within its boundaries that directly affects the municipality.

RSA 162-H:7, VI, provides that within 60 days of filing, the Committee must decide whether or not to accept an application. If the Committee accepts the application, and you wish to intervene as a party in this docket, it will be necessary to file a motion to intervene, consistent with RSA 541-A:32 and the N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.11.

RSA 162-H:10, I-a, provides that within 45 days after the acceptance of an application, that at least one public information session shall be held in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. In addition, RSA 162-H:10, I-c, provides that within 90 days after the acceptance of an application that the SEC shall hold a public hearing in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located.

The Application and all of the associated filings are posted on the SEC's website and can be found via the following link: http://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-04/2015-04.htm. Public comments regarding the application may be sent via first-class mail or e-mail to:

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If you would like to be added to an electronic distribution list in order to receive e-mail notifications of all filings in this docket, please send an e-mail to me at the address listed above. Should you have any questions regarding the Site Evaluation Committee process, please feel free to contact me at (603) 271-2435.

Sincerely,

Pamela G. Monroe
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