

The State of New Hampshire **Department of Environmental Services**

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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

August 17, 2018

VIA E-MAIL AND INTER-OFFICE MAIL

Patricia M. Weathersby, Presiding Officer Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

RE: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy: Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for Seacoast Reliability Project

Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-04 Response to Request for Agency Response to RSA 162-H:7-a, I (c)

Dear Presiding Officer Weathersby:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is in receipt of your letter dated August 10, 2018 to Commissioner Scott requesting certain information from NHDES by August 20, 2018.

Due to the lack of availability of key technical staff needed to address the issues raised in your letter, NHDES respectfully requests an extension of time to provide a response to you by COB September 7, 2018.

I would like to make you aware that NHDES is in active discussions with Eversource Energy to resolve concerns regarding certain conditions contained in the original recommendations provided by NHDES to the Site Evaluation Committee, including those raised in the letter from Kurt Nelson to Collis Adams dated April 27, 2018.

If you need additional information regarding this request please contact me directly at rene.pelletier@des.nh.gov or at 603-271-2951.

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Assistant Director

Water Division

cc: Robert R. Scott, Commissioner NHDES Pamela Monroe, Administrator SEC