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Via Hand Delivery and Email

Pamela Monroe, Administrator New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee c/o New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: SEC Docket No. 15-04, Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site And Facility for the Construction of a New 115 kV Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation – Proposed Procedural Schedule – Durham/UNH

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed, on behalf of the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire in the above-captioned docket, is a proposed procedural schedule for the remainder of the docket. During the informal discussion among the parties after the Committee hearing on the Newington Motion on March 14, 2018, the Committee's counsel indicated that the intervenors and Public Counsel, to the extent that they disagreed with the Applicant's proposed schedule, would have until March 23, 2018 to respond to the schedule that the Applicant was to submit on March 16, 2018.

The following parties have indicated their concurrence with or assent to this proposed procedural schedule from Durham and UNH: Conservation Law Foundation; Town of Newington; Jeff and Vivian Miller; Mr. Frizzell; Regis Miller; and Durham Historic Association. Counsel for Donna Heald indicates that she concurs with this schedule with the understanding that her Counsel has a conflict with the technical session and the Applicant has agreed to work with her to either find another date for Ms. Heald to appear or to have her Counsel present via telephone during the technical session.

Copies are being provided electronically to the Service List. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket 15-04

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<u>Durham/UNH - Proposed Schedule - SEC Docket No. 2015-04</u>

- 1. Counsel for the Public and interveners shall respond to data requests on or before April 11, 2018.
- 2. Technical sessions with witnesses for Counsel for the Public and interveners shall be conducted on May 15, 16, and 17, 2018.
- 3. Counsel for the Public and Interveners shall respond to Technical Session Data Requests on or before May 31, 2018.
- 4. Supplemental pre-filed testimony shall be due from Counsel for the Public and all Interveners and pre-filed testimony shall be due from the HDD Expert hired by the Committee on or before July 20, 2018.
- 5. Any interested party may propound data requests on the HDD expert on or before August 3, 2018.
- 6. The HDD expert shall respond to data requests on or before August 17, 2018.
- 7. A technical session with the HDD Expert shall be conducted on August 24, 2018.
- 8. If, at that point in time, Eversource persists in advocating its jet plow alternative, the Committee shall convene to determine whether to require a jet plow trial run and, if it does, to establish a schedule related to the trial run, discovery, etc. at that time.
- 9. The HDD Expert shall respond to technical session data requests by August 31, 2018.
- 10. Rebuttal pre-filed testimony from the Applicant, as well as supplemental pre-filed testimony from Counsel for the Public and all Interveners limited to the HDD issue and any comments from DES on the HDD testimony, shall be due on or before September 10, 2018.
- 11. The parties shall file statements of stipulated facts and any other stipulations on or before September 21, 2018.
- 12. The final pre-hearing conference shall be conducted on September 28, 2018.
- 13. The final adjudicative hearings shall take place between October 3 and October 12, 2018.
- 14. Final briefs for the Applicant, Counsel for the Public and interveners shall be due within 14 days of close of the record.
- 15. Reply Briefs shall be due within 21 days after the close of the record.
- 16. Deliberations shall commence on November 12, 2018.
- 17. A written decision will be issued on or before December 31, 2018.