### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

#### Docket No. 2015-04

## Re: Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility

### **ORDER AND NOTICE**

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee Subcommittee (Subcommittee) appointed in this docket pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, will conduct a public hearing on August 31, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH;

It is hereby ordered, that the Subcommittee will conduct a public hearing on September 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oyster River High School, 55 Coe Drive, Durham, NH;

It is hereby further ordered, that the Applicant shall cause a copy of the following Notice of public hearing to be published no later than **August 17, 2016**, in one or more newspaper(s) having a regular circulation in Rockingham County and Strafford County;

It is hereby further ordered, that the Applicant shall provide an affidavit documenting the required publication of this order and notice and a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator no later than August 21, 2016; and

It is hereby further ordered, that the Applicant shall bear the cost of said publication.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this fifth day of August, 2016.

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Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer Site Evaluation Committee

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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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). Eversource 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, NH and Portsmouth, NH. 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. The project 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.

On April 29, 2016, pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chairman of the Committee appointed a Subcommittee in this docket. On June 13, 2016, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H.

RSA 162-H:10, I-c, requires that within 90 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, the Subcommittee shall hold at least one public hearing in each county where the proposed facility will be located. The public hearing is a joint hearing, with representatives of state agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be in lieu of all hearings otherwise required by any of the other state agencies. The Applicant will provide the public with information on the proposed project, and the Subcommittee will provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments and to ask questions about the project or the process.

The Rockingham County public hearing will be held on August 31, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH.

The Strafford County public hearing will be held on September 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Oyster River High School, 55 Coe Drive, Durham, NH.

The Application and all other filings in this docket are located on the Committee's website <u>www.nhsec.nh.gov</u> or by contacting Pamela Monroe, Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee, <u>Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov</u> or (603) 271-2435.