

April 28, 2016

NH Site Evaluation Committee
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Timothy W. Drew, Administrator
Public Information and Permitting Unit
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Eversource – Seacoast, SEC Docket No. 2015-04

Dear Mr. Drew and Members of the Site Evaluation Committee:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, please accept this letter in support of the Seacoast Reliability Project being proposed by Eversource.

According to the Independent System Operator for New England, the electrical transmission system in the Seacoast region is at risk of being overloaded if the new transmission line to be installed as part of this project is not added. We understand that various options were evaluated, including aggressive energy efficiency measures as well as other supply options, but none were able to provide the necessary level of relief.

With rapidly growing companies such as Safran/Albany and others located in Rochester and the region continue to grow, the Seacoast Reliability Project can ensure their needs will be met. Endeavors like the Seacoast Reliability Project not only support our residents and local business and industry in meeting the continuing need for electrical capacity and reliability, they also support public safety and our region's overall quality of life.

As the Seacoast Region's electric demand continues to grow at a faster rate than the rest of the state and is expected to represent 25% of New Hampshire's electric demand by 2020, we believe there is a particular need for this project. The proposed project will help to ensure the reliable delivery of electric power to meet the region's current demand as well as support the region's future economic growth.

We ask that you approve this Seacoast Reliability Project to secure the needs of our citizens and our employers in the region.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Jean
Chairman of the Board