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RE: Eversource/Merrimack Valley Reliability Project NHSEC No. 2015-05

Dear Atty. Iacopino:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 24, 2014, outlining your proposal to represent the NH Site Evaluation Committee in the Eversource/Merrimack Valley Reliability Project, SEC Docket No. 2015-05.

We have confirmed with the Attorney General's Office that you are authorized to proceed as described in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Honigberg".

Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
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cc: Site Evaluation Committee Members
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April 24, 2015

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**Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and
New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid: Joint Application for a
Certificate of Site and Facility for the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project
NHSEC No. 2015-__**

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

As you know the Brennan Lenehan firm and I have acted as outside counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") over the course of the past 15 years. Our firm has represented the Committee in numerous matters including Applications for Certificates of Site and Facility for wind power facilities, gas powered facilities, transmission lines and pipelines.

I currently represent the Committee in several matters including its enforcement proceedings regarding the Grotor Wind facility and the pending petition for jurisdiction filed by Antrim Wind, LLC. In addition, I have provided various services to the Committee that have not been associated with any particular Application, but have assisted the Committee in responding to public concerns. I have also represented the Committee when dealing with the miscellaneous energy facility siting issues that arise, including requests for exemptions from certification, requests for modifications of outstanding Certificates and requests for jurisdictional advice. I have also been involved in the efforts of the Committee to promulgate administrative regulations.

It is my understanding that the Committee has received a Notice of Public Information Session from the Applicant and will be opening a new docket.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that our office is available, ready, willing and able to represent the Committee with respect to this docket if, in fact, the Committee deems it necessary and appropriate to hire outside counsel for this purpose. I can confirm that my office has no conflicts of interest in representing the Committee in this matter.

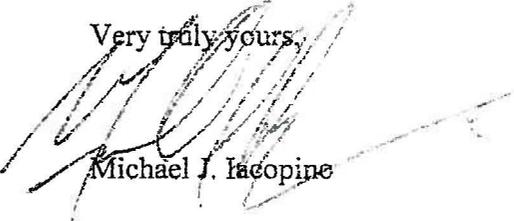
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Pursuant to statute, the Applicant or party seeking the Committee's action is responsible for the payment of attorney's fees. *See*, RSA 162-H:10, V. As Chair of the Committee, you have the authority to engage personnel in accordance with the enabling statute. *See*, RSA 162-H:3, IX(d). The statute also states that the Chair, in the absence of an administrator and with Committee approval, may hire additional legal support to fulfill the functions of the Committee as necessary. In the past, our bills have been presented to the Chairman of the Committee for approval and then forwarded to the Applicant for payment. To the best of my knowledge, that process worked well and would still be permitted under the statute as amended.

In representing the Committee in this matter, I would propose attorney fees at the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour and reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by counsel. To the extent that I employ the use of an associate in my office, the hourly rate for such an associate will be no more than \$200.00 per hour. In no case will my office charge more than \$200.00 per hour and our time will never be billed twice for two lawyers working on the matter at the same time, including attendance at meetings or hearings.

Should you require any further information about my firm, me or our qualifications, I would be happy to provide that in whatever format you require. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the Committee and ask that you approve our representation under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Iacopino

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