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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Martin Honigberg  
Chairman  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee – Docket No. 2015-04  
Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
("Eversource") for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New  
115 kV Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation**

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (the "Committee") in the above-captioned matter, please find an original complete copy of the Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the construction and operation of a new 115 kV electric transmission line between existing substations in Madbury, New Hampshire and Portsmouth, New Hampshire (the "Project"). 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, Durham, Newington and the City of Portsmouth. We have provided additional Application copies, and delivered them accordingly, consistent with the Committee's April 6, 2016 Order. Also, in accordance with RSA 162-H:7(V), copies of the Application are being delivered to each host community as well.

In accordance with RSA 162-H:7, the Application includes pre-filed testimony, exhibits, each agency's completed application forms and other information sufficient to satisfy the application requirements of each State agency having jurisdiction, under New Hampshire or federal, to regulate any aspect of the construction or operation of the proposed facility.

The Application contains confidential archaeological information, Critical Energy Infrastructure Information ("CEII"), other confidential infrastructure information, and confidential information relating to the location of rare, threatened and endangered plants and natural communities. See Appendices 8, 9, 21, 22, 33 and 37. The Applicants are concurrently

submitting a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment regarding these materials. We have submitted one hard copy to the SEC of these confidential materials. The additional paper and electronic copies have redacted versions of these materials. The Applicants also respectfully request that the Committee only post and/or release the redacted copies of the Application to the Committee's website or to individual members of the Committee or the public.

In addition, the Applicant is concurrently filing two Petitions for Licenses to Cross State Public Waters and Lands Owned by the State. Each Petition is addressed to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC") and is being submitted in accordance with RSA 317:17 for a license to construct and maintain the new 115 kV electric transmission line above and across state waters and state lands. The Applicant respectfully requests that the SEC provide the originals, six paper copies, and the electronic copy of each application to the NHPUC. Also, in accordance with the NHPUC rules, the Applicant has submitted an electronic copy of each Petition to the New Hampshire Consumer Advocate.

Concurrently with this submittal, the Applicant is also submitting two waiver requests from the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee's rules. The first request seeks a partial waiver from Site 301.03(c)(3)-(5) and the second seeks a partial waiver from Site 301.08(c)(2).

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:8-a, the Applicants have included a check for the application filing fee in the amount of \$88,700. This reflects the \$38,700 base fee for an electric transmission facility, required under RSA 162-H:8-a(II)(b), and \$39,000 for the approximate 12.9 miles of the electric transmission facility required under RSA 162-H:8-a(II)(b)(1). The Applicants have also included the following checks: \$8,250 for the Alteration of Terrain Permit Application; \$128,671.60 for the Wetlands Permit Application.

The Applicant is prepared to assist the Committee and state agency staff in any way that it can to provide for as expeditious a review of this Application as possible. RSA 162-H:7 provides that within 60 days of filing, the Committee Chairperson or designee must make a determination as to whether the Application is complete and whether to accept it. Assuming that the Application is determined to be complete and is accepted, we would respectfully request that the Committee hold a pre-hearing conference as soon as possible thereafter in order to establish a procedural schedule.

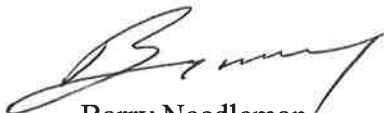
The Applicant is being represented by McLane Middleton, Professional Association. An Appearance is being filed concurrently with the Application. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Application, please do not hesitate to call me at 603-226-0400, or via email at [barry.needleman@mcclane.com](mailto:barry.needleman@mcclane.com).

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Sincerely,



Barry Needleman

Enclosures

cc:

Town of Madbury (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Town of Durham (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Town of Newington (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

City of Portsmouth (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Donald Kreis, Esq. (with an electronic copy of PUC license petitions)