

March 15, 2017

Darlene Forst
NH Department of Environmental Services
Shoreland Program
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

RE: Seacoast Reliability Project – NHDES Shoreland Permit Applications (DES File Numbers 2016-00968, 2016-00969, and 2016-00970)

Dear Ms. Forst:

On behalf of Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) d/b/a Eversource Energy, Normandeau Associates, Inc. is providing notice of an amendment to the proposed Seacoast Reliability Project (SRP) SEC Applications. None of these design changes are anticipated to affect your review of the SRP Shoreland Permit applications, as none affect the Oyster River or Little Bay crossings. This letter is to keep you abreast of the current design as it moves forward through the permitting process. I have included a thumb drive of the revised SEC amendment, which includes amended Environmental Maps (Appendix 2(a)) and Engineering Design Drawings (Appendix 5(a)), which may be relevant to your review.

The following modifications to the Project design were developed in response to input from municipal officials and residents. PSNH has altered the proposed design to include:

- Moving the underground section out of the roadbed along Gundalow Landing Circle,
- Extending the underground to move the transition structure further east of Little Bay Road and routing around a wetland and vernal pool,
- Converting approximately 2,680 feet of overhead transmission to underground within the Newington Center Historic District and the Hannah Lane residential neighborhood.
- Minor line design changes have occurred to the overhead line design to accommodate resident requests.

Changes to the Shoreland Permit Applications on Little Bay resulted from data requests in the DES Permit Progress Report submitted to the SEC on November 10, 2016. Please see PSNH's response to the data requests, dated January 11, 2017.

Thank you, in advance, for your review of the SRP Shoreland Permit Application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information about this amendment.

Sincerely,



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Attach.

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