

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
DOCKET NO. 2015-04**

AMENDED PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF ROBERT W. VARNEY

**APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW
115 kV TRANSMISSION LINE**

THE SEACOAST RELIABILITY PROJECT

March 29, 2017

Qualifications

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Robert W. Varney and my business address is 25 Nashua Road, Bedford, NH 03110.

Q. Who is your current employer and what position do you hold?

A. I am President of Normandeau Associates, Inc.

Q. Please describe your background, experience and qualifications.

A. My background and qualifications were included in my direct pre-filed testimony filed with the NH SEC Application dated April 12, 2016 and have not changed since then.

Purpose of Testimony

Q. What is the purpose of this supplemental testimony?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide additional information to the SEC in support of PSNH's Amendment to the original Application dated April 12, 2016.

Amended Project Description

Q. Have you reviewed the amended Project Description submitted to the SEC?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Does the amended Project Description change anything in your previously filed testimony?

A. Yes. My previously filed testimony included a Project description that has changed. Since filing the original application, the Applicant has continued to work with the Town of Newington and local property owners to address concerns. As anticipated in the original Application, PSNH now proposes to construct an additional 0.5 miles of the Project underground. Pursuant to the Amendment, additional segments of the Project will be sited underground in the areas of the Flynn Pit Town Forest, Newington Center Historic District, Frink Farm, and the Hannah Lane residential neighborhood.

Other minor design modifications include adjusting individual structure locations and configurations at the request of landowners on and adjacent to the ROW. These revisions do not change existing land uses adjacent to the corridor and maintain the existing land use pattern in Newington and Durham.

1 **Q. In consideration of these changes, do the conclusions in your pre-filed**
2 **testimony of April 4, 2016 remain the same?**

3 A. Yes, they do. The Project will not have an adverse impact on local land use,
4 tourism and recreation, or community facilities and services; nor will the Project unduly interfere
5 with the orderly development of the region.

6 **Q. Does this conclude your amended testimony?**

7 A. Yes, it does.