

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

**AMENDED PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF CHERILYN E. WIDELL**

**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 Cherilyn E. Widell. My business address is 105 North Water Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

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

A. I am the founder and president of Widell Preservation Services, LLC.

**Q. What are your areas of responsibility in this position?**

A. My responsibilities include providing consulting services in historic preservation compliance, historic property preservation and redevelopment, federal and state rehabilitation tax credits, public/private funding strategies, historic research and natural and cultural resource management of protected areas for Federal and State agencies, property owners and non-governmental organizations.

**Q. Please describe your employment experience and educational background.**

A. My educational background and work experience 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 amended testimony?**

A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide additional information to the SEC in support of the 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. As explained in the Application Amendment, changes to the Project design have further minimized or eliminated the effects of the Project on the Newington Center Historic District (“Historic District” or “District”) and the Pickering-Rowe House. The transition structure to the west will be visible within the District only by looking down the transmission right-of-way and from the public roadway abutting it (Nimble Hill Road). The transition

1 structure to the east will be located in a wooded area approximately 1,200 feet east of the district.  
2 Furthermore, as part of the Project, PSNH will remove the existing 34.5 kV distribution line that  
3 currently crosses the Historic District and travels across the Frink Farm. This change, in  
4 combination with the new underground design, virtually eliminates potential visual impact to the  
5 Historic District, and it means that the Project will not have an adverse effect on the District.

6 Because of the new underground design at the Frink Farm/Newington Historic District,  
7 the transmission line will also not be visible in significant views from the Pickering–Rowe  
8 House. Because the one overhead transmission structure that was to be located in the view from  
9 the Pickering-Rowe House toward the Newington Center Historic District is no longer part of the  
10 design, the new design eliminates any effects to this historic house.

11 **Q. In light of these changes, do the conclusions in your pre-filed testimony of**  
12 **April 4, 2016 remain the same?**

13 A. Yes, they do.

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

15 A. Yes, it does.