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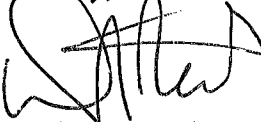
***Re: SEC Docket No. 15-04, Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site And Facility for the Construction of a
New 115 kV Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation –
Partially Assented-to Motion to Postpone Technical Sessions***

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a Partially Assented-to Motion to Postpone Technical Sessions filed by the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire in the above-captioned docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Patch

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Enclosure

cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket 15-04
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
SEC Docket No. 2015-04

Partially Assented-to Motion to Postpone Technical Sessions

The Town of Durham (“Durham”) and the University of New Hampshire (“UNH”), an intervenor in the above-captioned proceeding, by and through their attorneys, respectfully submits this Motion pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Site 202.14 and requests that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“Committee”) amend the procedural schedule in this docket to postpone the technical sessions until two weeks after the state agencies have issued their final recommendations. In support of this Motion, Durham and UNH represent that:

1. On February 15, 2017 the Presiding Officer issued an order staying the procedural schedule in this docket, citing the Applicant’s intention to file an amendment to the Application and state agencies’ requests for an extension of time to complete their review. On March 29, 2017 the Applicant submitted an amendment to the original Application and on April 7, 2017 the Applicant submitted a new proposed procedural schedule which included dates in May and June for technical sessions and a date of June 16, 2017 for the submission of state agency final permits and conditions, as well as a number of other dates for the remainder of the procedural schedule. On April 7, 2017 the Presiding Officer issued an order approving the dates for the propounding of data requests, responses to those data requests and technical sessions. The April 7, 2017

Order did not include a date for submission of final permits and conditions by state agencies, nor did it include any other dates for the remaining procedural schedule.

2. Durham and UNH believe that moving the technical sessions until after the final agency recommendations are submitted would promote administrative efficiency and not unduly delay the proceeding. Durham and UNH believe that this change in the schedule would be of great benefit to the intervenors and would provide more focus for the technical sessions. Durham and Public Counsel submitted comments to the Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) in February and March. Seeing whether and to what extent those comments were taken into account and seeing what the agencies’ final recommendations are would help to focus questions for the technical sessions.

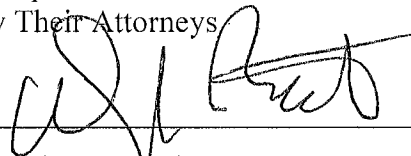
3. Because only the next three steps in the procedural schedule have been approved, making this change in the schedule at this time will not unduly delay the schedule and may in fact help the parties to focus their efforts and determine the level of participation they will have for the remainder of the docket. Granting this Motion will therefore promote the goal of administrative efficiency because it will accommodate a more thorough and efficient process and allow intervenors to conserve limited resources. In the event that the Committee grants this Motion it will require some other adjustments to the remainder of the schedule. An earlier recommendation, which has not yet been approved by the Committee, was to allow at least two weeks between the submission of the final agency recommendations and the filing of intervenor testimony; if this Motion is granted it would make sense to set the date for submission of intervenor testimony two weeks after the technical sessions.

4. Pursuant to Admin. Rule Site 202.14 Durham/UNH has made a good faith effort to obtain concurrence from the other parties. The following parties concur with the relief requested in this Motion: Public Counsel; Town of Newington; Helen H. Frink; Conservation Law Foundation; the Durham Historic Association. Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the Applicant) does not concur. The following parties have not responded despite a good faith effort to reach them: Dr. Nick Smith; the Nature Conservancy; the Durham Residents intervenor group; and Fat Dog Shellfish Co., LLC.

WHEREFORE, Durham and UNH respectfully request that the Committee grant the request to postpone the technical sessions until two weeks after the state agencies, including DES, issue final permits and conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Durham and University of New
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By Their Attorneys

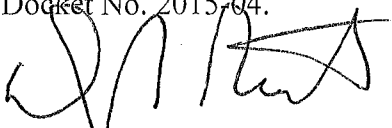


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Dated: April 18, 2017

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion has on this 18th day of April 2017 been sent by email to the service list in SEC Docket No. 2015-04.

By: 

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