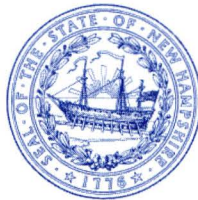


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RE: SEC Docket No. 15-04 – Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New 115 kV Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation (Seacoast Reliability Project) – Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Please accept this letter as Counsel for the Public's response to the Applicant's and the Town of Durham/UNH's recent submissions regarding proposed revisions to the procedural schedule. Counsel for the Public is also aware of the alternative schedule offered by you at the June 12, 2017 technical session. Counsel for the Public has reviewed all three proposed schedules and does not object to any of them.

However, while Counsel for the Public does not object to the Applicant's proposed amended revised schedule, I do have some concern with the timing of technical session requests from the technical sessions held on June 12 and June 15. At the time of this writing, no deadline has been set for the Applicant to provide responses to technical session requests. Responses to technical session requests from the previous two technical sessions are due on Monday, June 19, just one week prior to the June 26 deadline to file intervenor testimony. With responses to technical session requests from Mr. Raphael, Mr. Varney, Dr. Shapiro, and Mr. Chalmers likely coming less than a week before the current testimony deadline, the intervenors will have very limited time to review and incorporate that information into testimony.

In light of this timing, Counsel for the Public would prefer a revised schedule that allows additional time for filing of testimony related to the witnesses who have outstanding technical session requests from the June 12 and June 15 technical sessions. Counsel for the Public, like the

other parties and the Committee, desires that the revised procedural schedule can be structured to keep the current October and November hearing dates in place. Nonetheless, the overriding need is for a fair and full process that allows the parties to review the project and present the Committee with a complete record for its review.

Thank you for your consideration of Counsel for the Public's comments on the proposed revised procedural schedules. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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