

June 14, 2019

Mr. Ridgely Mauck
NH Department of Environmental Services
Alteration of Terrain Bureau
29 Hazen Drive
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Re: Seacoast Reliability Project (SEC Docket 2015-04); Durham laydown areas and new Mill St. access road

Dear Ridge,

This letter provides you with identification of two laydown areas, and an additional access road, all in the Town of Durham. This submittal is to comply with Condition 7 in the recommended Alteration of Terrain permit, dated October 29, 2019 adopted by the NH Site Evaluation Committee.

• 7. The Applicant shall identify to NHDES all marshaling yards, laydown areas and off-right-of-way access ways not currently identified for review prior to their construction.

The two laydown areas are located on Town of Durham facilities for their solar array and their waste water treatment plant (WWTP) (see locus map, Figure 1; Solar Array, Figure 2; and WWTP, Figure 3). The solar facility site includes two areas totaling approximately 3 acres on an unpaved surface of bare gravel and early successional vegetation. The WWTP site is approximately one acre and includes a mix of pavement and grass. The sites will be used for stockpiling beginning in June 2019 through completion of Project construction, anticipated in April 2020. Both areas are fully permitted by the Town of Durham and include no wetlands. The solar array site will require minor grading within previously disturbed gravel portions of the site. No tree trimming or tree clearing is anticipated. The WWTP site requires no ground disturbance and limited tree trimming.

The proposed access road provides a safer route for vehicles to the Durham substation off Mill Street to construct three structures. The existing access road is located on the main driveway to the substation, but has poor visibility to drivers on Mill Street due to it being on the crest of a hill and a curve. The proposed access road has better line-of-sight for vehicles travelling Mill Street. It is a secondary driveway to the substation on property owned by Public Service of New Hampshire (d/b/a Eversource). The driveway crosses a small intermittent stream via a culvert and has a shrub wetland south of the access road. Eversource will need to trim trees and implement some modest improvements to the access road. No impacts to the stream or wetland are proposed. As with the rest of the Project, this work will follow the prescribed Best Management Practices for erosion and sedimentation control, invasive species, and restoration. The work will be supervised by an environmental monitor.

We are also forwarding a copy to the SEC as required. Please contact me at ((603) 634-3256; <a href="mailto:kurt.nelson@eversource.com">kurt.nelson@eversource.com</a>) or Sarah Allen ((603)-637-1158; <a href="mailto:sallen@normandeau.com">sallen@normandeau.com</a>) if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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