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**Re: Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-04 – Public Service of New Hampshire  
d/b/a Eversource Energy, Notification of Minor Construction-Related Changes**

Dear Attorney Needleman:

On January 31, 2019, the Site Evaluation Committee issued an Order and Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions (Certificate) to Eversource for construction of the above-referenced Project. On August 26, 2019, the Subcommittee received a copy of correspondence, with attachments, addressed to the NH Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau (NHDES). Table 1 of the correspondence tabulated a number of wetlands impact changes due to construction modifications. Eversource asserted that that the changes do not result in a significant amendment to the NHDES Revised Final Decision included as Appendix I to the Certificate.

On September 10, 2019, the Committee received correspondence from NHDES, advising the Committee that a technical review of the Project modifications had been conducted and that the proposal does not represent a “significant amendment” as defined by RSA 482-A:3, XIV (e). NHDES recommended that the Committee approve the Wetlands Bureau Permit Amendment allowing the Applicant to temporarily impact an additional 8,637 square feet of wetlands in five locations and decrease temporary impacts on 14,853 square feet of wetlands in six locations.

Based upon my review of the information provided, the minor modifications proposed by the Applicant do not appear to impact aesthetics, historic resources, air and water quality, the natural environment, public health and safety, or the orderly development of the region. The redesign and modifications do not constitute an actual material change in the location, configuration, design, specifications, construction, operation, or equipment component of the Project that would require further review by the Committee. This determination is based solely on the information provided and is not binding or determinative of any future findings or rulings by the Committee.

Consistent with RSA 162-H:4, III-a, Page 3 of the Certificate contains a condition that authorizes NHDES to specify the use of any appropriate technique, methodology, practice or

procedure approved by the Subcommittee within the Certificate, as may be necessary, to effectuate the conditions of the Certificate, the Wetlands Permit, the Alteration of Terrain Permit, and the Shoreland Permit. I have supplemented Appendix I of the Certificate with the Wetlands Bureau Permit Amendment attached to the correspondence received from NHDES on September 10, 2019 (Attachment B). The as-built drawings required to be filed with the Committee as a condition of the Certificate, shall include the amendment request and attachments submitted to NHDES on August 26, 2019 (Attachment A).

Sincerely,



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Administrator

Attachments A and B

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