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October 29, 2019

VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-04--Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, Joint Request of Eversource and Lulu Pickering for a Minor Modification—Structure F107-105

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 a 115kV electric transmission line comprised of aboveground, underground and underwater segments. On September 20, 2019, I received your request to approve a minor, non-material modification to the location of Structure F107-105 (Structure). The Structure was depicted on the engineering and environmental drawings submitted with the Application, and as amended. *See* App Ex. 024, 149, 021, and 148. The Structure is aboveground and is located across parts of Lulu Pickering's property (the Property) located at 375 Little Bay Road, in Newington.

The request was filed as a joint request of Eversource and Ms. Pickering in order to accommodate Ms. Pickering's preferred location of the aboveground transmission line on the Property, resulting in a shift of the Structure thirteen feet to the west. The resulting location would take advantage of existing vegetative screening to reduce visibility. In your request, you stated that Eversource consulted with its visual assessment expert, who concluded that the minor modification will not materially alter his conclusion that the Project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics or create an adverse effect on any one scenic resource in the area. In addition, Eversource's historic resources expert also determined that the minor modification will not alter her conclusion that the Project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on above-ground historic resources. Lastly, you represented that there will be no change in temporary or permanent wetlands impacts associated with the minor modification and that no additional tree clearing is required.

Eversource contemporaneously submitted letters with attachments to the NH Division of Historic Resources (DHR) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) regarding the proposed minor modification. The Certificate is conditioned upon compliance with conditions in the Memorandum of Understanding executed by DHR and the Memorandum of Agreement executed by DHR, the USACOE, and Eversource, appended to the Certificate as Appendix II. Consistent with RSA 162-H:4, III-a, page 5 of the Certificate contains a condition that authorizes DHR to specify the use of any appropriate technique, methodology, practice, or procedure associated with architectural, historical or other cultural resources affected by the Project. On October 2 and 11, DHR and USACOE concurred with Eversource's assessment as outlined in the letters submitted on September 20, 2019. *See Attachment A.*

Based upon my review of the information provided, the minor change in alignment does not appear to impact aesthetics, historic resources, air or water quality, the natural environment, public health and safety or the orderly development of the region. The minor modification does 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.

The as-built drawings required to be filed with the Committee as a condition of the Certificate, shall include this minor change to the route alignment.

Sincerely,



Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator

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September 20, 2019

Nadine Miller
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Re: Seacoast Reliability Project (RPR# 6528) Construction Change in Vicinity of Historic Property

Dear Ms. Miller-

Eversource Energy (Eversource) is proposing a small construction change in the vicinity of a historic property at the request of the landowner as part of the Seacoast Reliability Project (the "Project"). Ms. Lulu Pickering, owner of the Alfred Pickering Farm located at 339 Little Bay Road in Newington, NH, has requested that Structure 105 be moved thirteen feet to the west within the right-of-way on her property. Ms. Pickering believes that views of the structure from her home will be better screened by existing vegetation at the newly proposed location.

The Alfred Pickering Farm was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2015 as an individual property under Criteria A and C in the Areas of Agriculture and Architecture. Ms. Cherilyn Widell, owner of Widell Preservation Services, LLC and cultural resources expert witness for the Project, has reviewed the proposed change, which she believes will not cause any additional adverse effect to the historic property nor change or negate the mitigation for the visual adverse effects previously identified during the design review, compliance and permitting processes for the Project (see Attachment 1).

Additionally, the proposed change will not impact any known archaeological sites, nor is it expected to impact any yet-to-be identified archaeological resources as the area was not considered sensitive for archaeological resources during the Phase IA Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment (Bunker 2015) and no archaeological resources were identified during the Phase IB Intensive Archaeological Investigation in nearby Sensitivity Areas Newington-2 and Newington-3 (Bunker 2018).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 603-717-5198 or email me at brooke.kenline-nyman@eversource.com.

Sincerely,

Brooke Kenline-Nyman
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Enclosure

Cc: David Trubey, DHR
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Subject: RE: Eversource SRP (DHR RPR#6528; NAE-2015-00665) Annual Summary Letter Report and HAER Submission Documentation (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Hi Brooke,

The Corps agrees with DHR's determination.

Thanks,

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Lindsey -

Eversource recently received a letter from the DHR indicating they have reviewed the proposed modification to Structure 105 on the Alfred Pickering Farm and concur that the proposed change will not cause any additional adverse effects to historic properties.

Does the USACE need any additional information or have any other comments on the proposed modification?

Thank you for your time!

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Thank you, Nadine. I'll keep my eye out for your comments and will make sure to include Marika on any future correspondence with the DHR.

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Dear Brooke:

Thank you for the annual report and follow-up regarding the HAER submission.

The DHR has no additional comment at this time. We will keep the materials in our files.

We are finalizing our review on the changes to the Pickering Property as well as commenting on the stone walls in Durham. You will receive our comments under separate cover.

Please continue to include Marika Labash on all emails as she processes all materials and keeps us on task (marika.labash@dncr.nh.gov <mailto:marika.labash@dncr.nh.gov>).