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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-04--Request for Minor Modification of Memorandum of Understanding between Eversource and UNH

Dear Mr. Janelle:

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 transmission line in the above-referenced docket. As a condition of approval, Eversource is required to comply with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed by Eversource and UNH dated October 25, 2018, appended to the Certificate as Appendix IX (App. Ex. 267). The MOU was amended in response to a joint request from UNH and Eversource, submitted to Committee on May 23, 2019, that was approved on June 4, 2019.

On December 10, 2019, UNH and Eversource submitted a subsequent joint request for a minor modification of Condition II.F., of the MOU to allow an accelerated construction schedule to complete the underground portion of the Project on the UNH campus. In order to complete the construction activities sooner, UNH and Eversource jointly requested that construction activities related to cable pulling and termination on the UNH campus occur during the period of December 10, 2019 to January 20, 2020. Based on representations provided in the request, Eversource has completed all of the excavation work for underground construction referenced in Condition II.B., of the MOU, so a modification of that condition is not necessary.

The submittal also included a joint request to modify Condition II.A., of the MOU to provide for the option of performing construction activities on Sundays and holidays in the event of work delays due to inclement weather. As currently worded, Condition II.A., does not prohibit work on Sundays and holidays, so long as the work is coordinated with, and approved by, the UNH Project Manager. Accordingly, it is not necessary to modify Condition II.A., of the MOU.

Based upon my review of the information provided, the minor change in Condition II.B, of the MOU will not impact aesthetics, historic resources, air or water quality, the natural environment, public

health and safety or the orderly development of the region. Revising the language in the MOU does not constitute an actual material change in the location, configuration, design, specification, construction, operation, or equipment component of the Project that would require further review by the Committee.

This determination is effective as of the date of this letter, is based solely on the information provided, and is not binding or determinative of any future findings or rulings by the Committee.

I am requesting that UNH and/or Eversource submit all future requests to amend the MOU, if any, in a timely manner in order to allow sufficient time for the necessary review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Monroe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator

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