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Ms. Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Re: NH SEC Docket 2015-04 – Vegetation Screening Plans at UNH

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am writing to you to inform you that Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and the University of New Hampshire (“UNH”) are currently working together to develop a mutually agreeable vegetation screening plan for UNH in accordance with the SEC’s Order dated January 31, 2019.

The SEC Certificate at page 7 requires the Applicant to “develop vegetation planting plans for the 13 locations identified by Counsel for the Public’s expert Michael Lawrence, to mitigate potential visual effects from the Project.” Those locations include: “UNH-Gregg Hall Vicinity, UNH-Main Street Overpass, UNH-Gable Apartment Complex, [and] UNH-Gables North parking.” The Order also provides that “The underlying property owners shall have final approval authority for any plantings proposed on their property.” SEC Certificate at page 7.

The Memorandum of Understanding, dated October 25, 2018 (the “MOU”), executed between Eversource and UNH provided that the parties would work to establish “a mutually agreeable vegetation screening plan” at the “Gables parking lot ROW access area and the Field House” and that “the plan is to be reviewed and approved by UNH prior to the start of construction.” Paragraph IV.A.

When the Certificate was issued, UNH informed Eversource that it did not wish to develop a planting plan, prior to the start of construction. Therefore, the parties could not have established a mutually agreeable vegetation screening plan at that time. Based upon UNH’s representations, Eversource commenced construction at UNH. After construction has commenced, UNH and Eversource have begun to develop a vegetation screening plan.

Therefore, based upon the changed circumstances and the change in position by UNH, I request that the SEC Administrator, alter Paragraph IV.A of the MOU by striking the phrase "prior to the start of construction" from the sentence that reads: "This plan is to be reviewed and approved by UNH prior to the start of construction." Eversource concurs with this requested change.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Janelle", written in a cursive style.

William Janelle
Associate Vice President