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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Kurt Nelson
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**Re: Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-04 – Public Service of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy, Submarine Cable Re-alignment**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On January 31, 2019, the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) issued an Order and Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions (Certificate) to Eversource for construction of the above-referenced Project. On October 2, the Committee received a copy of correspondence from Eversource, with attachments, addressed to the NH Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau (NHDES). Eversource requested a minor modification of the NHDES Revised Final Decision included as Appendix I to the Certificate. Eversource asserted that the alignment of the submarine cable must be adjusted within the existing NOAA chartered cable area in Little Bay to avoid newly formed and identified obstructions caused by tidal currents.

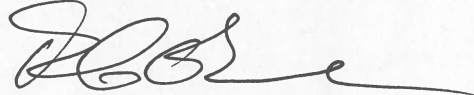
On October 14, 2019, the Committee received correspondence from NHDES, advising the Committee that staff completed a technical review of the Project modifications included in the October 2, 2019, submittal and that the proposal does not represent a “significant amendment” as defined in RSA 482-A:3, XIV (e). NHDES recommended that the Committee approve the amendment with the conditions included with the correspondence.

Based upon my review of the information provided, the minor modification proposed by the Applicant does 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 October 14, 2019 (Attachment A). 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 and the Committee on October 2, 2019.

Sincerely,



Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator

Attachment A

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