

October 29, 2021

Mr. David Price
NHDES Wetlands Bureau,
Pease Office
222 International Dr., Suite. 175
Portsmouth, NH 03801

**Re: Seacoast Reliability Project - SEC Docket 2015-04
Salt Marsh Monitoring - Newington Shore
Floating Docks**

Dear Mr. Price:

During an inspection of the Seacoast Reliability Project (SRP) on October 18, 2021, the Project's environmental monitor observed that two wooden floats have been tethered in the intertidal zone of the Newington submarine cable landing area (refer the attached photographs). Based on communications with the underlying landowner, Ms. Beswick, it is our understanding that the floats are owned by a neighboring landowner and will be moored for the winter in the cable landing/salt marsh restoration area, with her permission. Ms. Beswick has denied our request for the floats to be moved and Eversource does not have the authority to compel their removal from the restoration area because they are outside the designated cable easement area.

We are bringing this matter to your attention because the presence of the floats is likely to interfere with Eversource's ability to successfully achieve salt marsh restoration at this location, which is required by the SRP SEC permit conditions. Both floats are tied off to trees and are positioned over portions of the salt marsh restoration area. If the floats stay in place for the period of time the landowner describes (Oct-Apr), they will adversely affect those portions of the restored salt marsh both physically by compressing and disturbing the substrate, and biologically by crushing the plants. This marsh is already in a challenging location due to wave action and wrack that accumulates in that cove, and the presence of the floats will aggravate both issues. Eversource will similarly apprise the SEC's counsel of this circumstance.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me (kurt.nelson@eversource.com, 603-714-3031).

Sincerely,

Eversource Energy



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Toe of slope at Gundalow Landing/east side of the bay with floating docks over portions of the salt marsh restoration. Viewing south. (10-18-21)



Floating docks positioned on top of the salt marsh restoration at Gundalow Landing/east side of the bay. Viewing north. (10-18-21)



Toe of slope at Gundalow Landing/east side of the bay with floats resting on the salt marsh restoration. Viewing south. (10-27-21)



Salt marsh restoration at Gundalow Landing/east side of the bay with floats resting on it. Viewing north. (10-27-21)