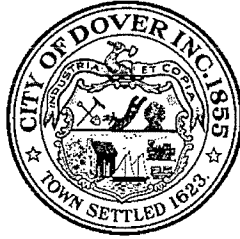


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NH Site Evaluation Committee
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Timothy W. Drew, Administrator
Public Information and Permitting Unit
PO Box 95
Concord, N.H. 03302-0095

Re: Eversource – Seacoast, SEC Docket NO. 2015-04

Dear Mr. Drew and Members of the Site Evaluation Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of the Seacoast Reliability Project being proposed by Eversource. This project is a key part of a series of electric system improvements benefiting the City of Dover community, our neighboring communities and the seacoast area overall. This project will help to ensure the reliable delivery of electric power to meet the region's current demand and to support the region's future economic growth.

As the Seacoast Region's electric demand is growing at twice the rate of the rest of the state, and is expected to represent approximately 25% of New Hampshire's electric demand in 2020, there is a particular need for this project. According to the Independent System Operator for New England, the electrical transmission system here in our Seacoast region is at risk of being overloaded if the new transmission line to be installed as part of this project is not added. We are aware that various options were evaluated, including aggressive energy efficiency measures as well as other supply options, but none were able to provide the necessary level of relief.

Most of the high voltage transmission facilities in New England provide benefits to all of New England and the cost of those facilities are shared by all electric customers in the region based on the level of energy consumed (or "load share"). New Hampshire electric customers pay for about 9% of all regional transmission facilities across New England, and we understand that they would pay about 9% of the approximately \$70 million cost for this Seacoast Reliability Project.

Ultimately, endeavors like the Seacoast Reliability Project not only support our residents and local business and industry in meeting the continuing need for electrical capacity and reliability, they also support public safety and our region's overall quality of life. In addition to these benefits, the construction of the Project will also result in economic benefits to the local communities, including long-term property tax revenues in affected towns and the creation of local jobs during construction.

Thank you for your consideration and should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Joyal, Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

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