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**Subject:** Re: Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project - Correction

Good Morning Helen, Sally and John,

I hope you had the opportunity to review our response that was sent yesterday afternoon and I look forward to hearing from you. To avoid any confusion, I would like to clarify an error that was made at the end of paragraph 7. This is how the paragraph should read.

*The commencement of the "Discovery" phase of the SEC siting process closes the window as to when significant design changes can be made to the Application. Any changes to the design during the Discovery phase will further delay the siting process, the associated SEC approval, construction and the in-service date therefore we're seeking to obtain all necessary approvals prior to this phase. We anticipate the Discovery phase to commence by the third week of September. ~~followed by a 60-day review period for the USDA and the AG to issue their determination.~~*

Below is the email in its entirety reflecting this correction.

I apologize for any confusion.

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#### **MAY 24, 2016 - EMAIL CORRECTED**

Helen, Sally and John,

Thank you for taking the time to review the Application for the Seacoast Reliability Project and providing your comments. Since the Application was submitted on April 12, 2016, the determination for completeness resides with the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). We are confident our Application is complete but intend to fully consider the comments that you've provided in order to appropriately address your concerns through the procedures defined by the SEC process.

Last year, the Project Team attended several public meetings to brief the community on the Project and address any potential questions and concerns. We met with the Newington Planning Board in January, held a Public Information Session in April, and met with the Newington Board of Selectmen in July and September. We used these public venue opportunities to inform the Newington community about the proposed Project, the route analysis process and to obtain feedback. Based on that community feedback, we proposed a potential alternative underground line design at the Darius Frink Farm and the nearby residential area.

Although the Application seeks approval of the original overhead design in the existing right of way through Newington, it also expresses a willingness to amend the Application to provide for an underground design through the Newington Historic District in the event that all of the affected underlying property owners grant the necessary underground rights in a timely manner. This granting of underground rights is just the first step in the associated approval process and at this time we've received all of the underground rights from the neighbors adjacent to the Darius Frink Farm. The Project team is very much aware of the conservation easement on the Darius Frink Farm property, which is one of the reasons why we initiated the underground rights discussion with you in July and, again, in October of last

year. We had anticipated a lengthy approval process relative to the conservation easement. Without further progress in discussions or your approval for granting such rights, we've been in a holding pattern.

We understand that some of the concerns mentioned in your email will require discussion prior to proceeding with an agreement for underground rights and, as such, we continue to be ready and willing to meet and clarify these topics with you. We would like to work with you and reach agreement as expeditiously as possible. If appropriate, we can address concerns within the agreement itself. As outlined below, the deadline for achieving resolution is rapidly approaching, accelerating the need for a constructive and timely dialogue between the parties.

To propose an underground design, the Project must demonstrate to the SEC that we have secure rights to support an underground design prior to filing an amendment to our Application. For the Darius Frink Farm, this would require approvals from each property owner and, as you correctly identified, the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD). In addition, approvals from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of the Attorney General (AG) are required prior to finalizing an amendment and submitting it to the SEC.

Due to the need for these multiple approvals, any resulting delays in the construction and in-service date for this much needed Project would be unacceptable as it is necessary to maintain electric system reliability in the Seacoast Region. The following schedule should assist in providing you with the rationale behind the time sensitivity for the submittal of an amendment that would support an underground design on the Darius Frink Farm. We are still willing to work together to try to achieve this time-critical submission of an underground design, although the time frame for everyone to grant all the necessary approvals is rapidly diminishing.

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In order to meet the construction and in-service date requirements, the following approval schedule is necessary:

- June 7, Darius Frink Farm approval
  - execute an agreement with you for underground rights
- June 21, RCCD approval
  - attend meeting with RCCD to seek formal review/approval
- July 1, USDA & AG filing
  - Provide underground line design and project scope for 60 day review
- August 29, Receive USDA & AG approval
- September 5, Submit Amendment to SEC
- September 19, Anticipated start of Discovery

This aggressive schedule demonstrates that there is really no remaining float in the schedule. We recognize that you have some concerns and we would like to work collaboratively to address them. If we could reach mutual agreement on terms and conditions by June 7, 2016, we would proceed with the subsequent submittals that are also on an expedited schedule.

Thank you for your time and review of the Application. We look forward to working together to address your concerns in a timely and constructive fashion.

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