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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Pamela Monroe, Administrator

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Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: Eversource - Seacoast, SEC Docket No. 2015-04**

Dear Ms. Monroe and Members of the Site Evaluation Committee:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the Seacoast Reliability Project proposed by Eversource. This project is a key part of a series of electric system improvements benefiting the Greater Dover area and will help 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, there is a particular need for this project.

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").

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.

Sincerely,

Katie MacKinnon

President, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Maria K. Letourneau, Eversource