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Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Re: NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-05: Joint Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP”) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH”) for a Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction of a New 345 kV Electric Transmission Line in Southern New Hampshire

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (the “Committee”), in the above-captioned matter, please find an original and 18 copies of the Joint Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP”) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH”) for a Certificate of Site and Facility for construction of a new 345 kV Transmission Line from the 22A substation in Tewksbury, Massachusetts to the Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

In addition to paper copies of the Application, a DVD containing the entire contents of the Application is being filed in accordance with N.H. Admin. Rule Site 301.01(a).

In accordance with RSA 162-H:7, the Application includes pre-filed testimony, exhibits and sufficient information to satisfy the application requirements of each state agency having jurisdiction, under state law or federal, to regulate the construction or operation of the proposed facility, and each agency's completed application forms.

The original Application contains confidential archaeological information, ISO-New England Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”), and other confidential infrastructure information in part of Appendix R and all of Appendix AM; the 18 copies and the DVD have redacted versions of these materials. The Applicants have submitted an original and 18 copies of a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment of these materials. The

Applicants also respectfully request that the Committee only post and/or release the redacted copies of the Application to the Committee's website or to individual members of the Committee or public.


The Application also contains two original Petitions for License to Cross State Waters and State Lands, and six paper copies, and one electronic copy of each. NEP is submitting a Petition to Cross Beaver Brook and a parcel of land owned by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, both in Windham, New Hampshire. PSNH is submitting a Petition to Cross State Owned Land in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

Each Petition is addressed to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC") and is being submitted in accordance with RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain the new 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities above and across state waters and state lands. The Applicants respectfully request that the SEC provide the originals, six paper copies, and the electronic copy of each application to the NHPUC. Also, in accordance with the NHPUC rules, the Applicants have submitted an electronic copy of each Petition to the New Hampshire Consumer Advocate.

The Applicants are prepared to assist the SEC and state agency staff in any way that they can to provide for as expeditious a review of this Application as possible. RSA 162-H:7 provides that within 60 days of this filing, the Committee Chairperson or designee must make a determination as to whether the Application is complete and whether to accept it. Assuming that the Application is determined to be complete and is accepted, we would respectfully request that the Committee hold a pre-hearing conference as soon as possible thereafter in order to establish a procedural schedule.

The Applicants are being jointly represented by McLane, Graf, Raulerson, & Middleton, PA. An original and 18 copies of an Appearance is being filed concurrently with the Application. If you have any immediate questions or concerns regarding this Application, please do not hesitate to me at 603-226-0400, or via email at barry.needleman@mclane.com.

Very truly yours,



Barry Needleman

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Enclosures

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cc:

Londonderry, Town Council (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Windham, Board of Selectmen (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Hudson Board of Selectmen (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Pelham, Board of Selectmen (with a paper and electronic copy of the application)

Susan Chamberlin, Esq. (with an electronic copy of the PUC license petition)