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Re: Joint Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid & Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Merrimack Valley Reliability Project Site Evaluation Committee No. 2015-005

Dear Attorney Iacopino:

This letter is to notify you that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Safety Division staff has completed their preliminary review as to whether or not the above referenced application contains sufficient information for the PUC to complete their technical review to consider the issuance of permits, conditions, or licenses under the jurisdiction of PUC.

The following list contains the assigned docket numbers as well as the completeness determination for the NH PUC Petition for Licenses:

- 1. Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Static Wires and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across Beaver Brook, Hudson and a parcel of land owned by NHDOT in the Town of Windham, New Hampshire. Reference Puc Docket DE 15-284. The preliminary review indicates the petition is administratively complete.
- 2. Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Static Wires and Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across State Lands in the Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire. Reference Puc Docket DE 15-285. The preliminary review indicates the petition is administratively complete.

The NHPUC Safety Division's detailed review of each of the crossings along with any final determinations including provision for conditions applied by the Commission will occur concurrently with the NHSEC project evaluation process.

Please note the preliminary review indicates that some licenses will be denied as they are not necessary and others may be granted.

Please note the NHPUC process of review is akin to the SEC's in that petitions are filed, not standard applications accompanied by prepared and completed forms, so as the Commission's

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staff is allowed further discovery if needed during its review prior to any recommendation made to the Commission and ensuing Commission order.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-6026 or email at: randy.knepper@puc.nh.gov

Sincerely,

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