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Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-05 – Joint Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Merrimack Valley Reliability Project) ("MVRP")

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Eversource would like to notify the Committee that, in order to conform to its established right-of-way vegetation maintenance cycle and practices, and to remain in compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") Transmission Vegetation Maintenance reliability standards (NERC TVM FAC-003-4), Eversource will shortly begin conducting vegetation maintenance work within the Eversource MVRP right-of-way in the Towns of Hudson and Londonderry. This work will take place beneath and in the vicinity of Eversource's existing 115 kV and 345 kV overhead power lines located within the MVRP 3124 line right-of-way, is expected to commence later this month, and will consist primarily of mechanical brush mowing operations. This work is not related to the tree clearing work for, or the construction of, the MVRP. Appropriate outreach will be made to right-of-way abutters about this upcoming maintenance work.

The intent of this notification is merely to assure that the Committee is aware of this additional activity in the MVRP right-of-way and its purpose. Any inquiries regarding this vegetation maintenance work may be directed to Eversource Transmission Arborist Michael Stanek, who can be reached at 603-933-2686.

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Very truly yours,

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