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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Debra A. Howland Executive Director & Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy – Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Merrimack River in the Towns of Merrimack and Litchfield, New Hampshire

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the original and six copies of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Merrimack River in the Towns of Merrimack and Litchfield, New Hampshire, with attached exhibits and attachments. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, an electronic filing of the enclosed Petition and attached exhibits and attachments is also being made with the Commission on this date.

Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order *Nisi* with respect to this water crossing license application. As noted in the Petition, the proposed new crossing is associated with PSNH's reconstruction of an existing distribution line crossing to meet increased U.S. Army Corps of Engineers aerial wire elevation requirements. Therefore, we would appreciate any steps which can be taken at the Commission to expedite the handling of this filing.

Should there be any technical questions regarding this filing, they may be directed to Eversource Engineer David M. Still, P.E., who can be reached at 634-2078.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Christopher J. Allwarden Senior Counsel, Legal Department

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cc: OCA

D. M. Still, P.E.