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August 3, 2018

Re: DE 16-241, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for Approval of Gas Capacity Contract with Algonquin Gas
Transmission, LLC, Gas Capacity Program Details, and Distribution Rate Tariff
for Cost Recovery
Closing of Docket

To the Parties:

In *Appeal of Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC* (May 22, 2018) 2018 WL 2307061, the New Hampshire Supreme Court reversed the Commission's dismissal of Eversource's petition requesting approval of the Access Northeast Contract. The Supreme Court remanded for further proceedings.

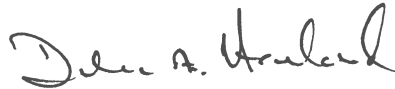
On June 11, 2018, Eversource filed a letter withdrawing the Access Northeast Contract from consideration in this docket. Eversource stated that it would submit an updated proposal to replace the Access Northeast Contract, once available. Eversource requested that the Commission keep this docket open pending the filing of such an updated proposal." Eversource Letter, June 11, 2018, at 2. Eversource also noted that "the initial Petition in this matter was filed over two years ago. Circumstances underlying the modeling, assumptions, cost estimates, and other conditions relating to the Petition have changed in that time." *Id.*

On June 12, 2018, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a response to Eversource's letter, recommending that this proceeding be closed. The OCA stated: "Almost a year ago, [Eversource's] parent company...jointly announced with its development partners...that they were shelving the Access Northeast project in light of the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts that Access Northeast could not be included in that state's nonbypassable electric rates. The co-developers withdrew their request for approval of the project by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Boston Globe quoted a spokesperson for Enbridge to the effect that the project could not go forward absent legislation in Massachusetts." OCA Letter, June 12, 2018, at 2.

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The Commission has considered Eversource's request to keep this docket open. The Commission has decided that there is no administrative efficiency to be gained from considering a new proposal within the context of this docket. Accordingly, the Commission has closed the docket. If Eversource files a new proposal, the Commission will open a new docket for its consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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