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**VIA EMAIL AND HAND-DELIVERY**

Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary  
N.H. Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: Docket No. DE 16-241 - Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Petition for Approval of a Gas Capacity Contract with Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Gas Capacity Program Details, and Distribution Rate Tariff for Cost Recovery**

Dear Director Howland:

Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”) writes to express its concerns with the motions of Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) seeking confidential treatment in the above-referenced docket.

This docket addresses important matters of first impression and, as the Office of the Consumer Advocate has expressed in its response to the motions, is of significant concern to the public. CLF shares the concerns expressed by other parties to this docket, including the OCA and NextEra Energy. We urge the Commission to closely scrutinize the information for which Eversource and Algonquin seek protective treatment and, consistent with the purpose and intent of New Hampshire’s right to know law, RSA Chapter 91-A, withhold from disclosure only such information, if any, as is clearly within allowable exceptions.

To the extent the Commission determines that specific information is indeed properly subject to protective treatment, CLF requests that the parties be provided access to such information pursuant to a reasonable Non-Disclosure Agreement that ensures their ability to meaningfully participate as intervenors in this docket and that enables efficiency, including digital access to the materials. An original plus seven (7) copies of this letter are included; copies have also been provided to all parties on the service list in this docket.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas F. Irwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "T".

Thomas F. Irwin  
Vice President and Director, CLF New Hampshire

cc: Docket No. DE 16-241 Service List