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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 16-241 Eversource Energy  
Petition for Approval of Gas Infrastructure Contract with Algonquin Gas  
Transmission, LLC

Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 9, 2016, the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") filed a motion requesting that the members of the Commission Staff who participated in the prior legal memoranda opining that electric distribution utility may execute contracts for the purpose of funding natural gas pipeline development should not now advise the Commission on that issue in this docket (the "OCA Motion"). NextEra Energy Resources, LLC ("NEER") writes in support of the OCA Motion.

The Staff assigned to this case (Messrs. Speidel and McCluskey), having previously been involved in preparing a report to the Commission in Docket IR 15-124 setting forth an opinion on the ultimate questions to be answered in Phase I of this docket, cannot be expected to assist the Commission in evaluating those same questions from the clean slate to which the parties are entitled. Because this situation appears to fall within the provisions of RSA 362:32, NEER agrees with the OCA that Messrs. Speidel and McCluskey's role in this docket should not include advising the Commission whether their prior opinions were correct.

For these reasons, NEER respectfully requests that the Commission grant the OCA Motion.

Very truly yours,

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