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Debra Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: DE 16-441 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Addendum, Staff Recommendation filed on February 1, 2017

Dear Ms. Howland:

On September 7, 2017, Eversource Energy informed the Commission of a planned alteration to its proposed construction by Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") of the Little Bay public water crossing which was previously approved by the Commission in its Order NISI Granting License (Order No. 25,998, dated March 10, 2017) (the "Order") in the docket referenced above.

As a result of further assessment of Little Bay vessel traffic, and further geotechnical sampling, with a goal to reduce the potential amount of suspended sediments caused by the installation process, Eversource intends to change the depth of each jet plow trench in the main channel section of Little Bay to 5 feet. The original plan was to have the depth of each trench at 8 feet beneath the bottom of the channel.

In its recommendation, Staff acknowledged the 8 foot depth of each trench in the last paragraph on page 10, the first paragraph on page 11, and again in the profile view of attachment Water Crossing 3 on page 18. As this change has been determined to have minimal impact on its original conclusions, Staff proposes in this Addendum, that its recommendation remains for approval of the crossing of Little Bay, as was filed on February 1, 2017. In addition, Staff reviewed the Order and found there was no mention of depths for the water crossing, and Staff concludes the Order does not need to be amended.

Sincerely,

/s/ Randy Knepper

Randy Knepper Director, Safety Division, NHPUC

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