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Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: Docket No. DE 20-115 Public Service New Hampshire d/b/a
Eversource Energy
Petition for a License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and
Across Land Owned by the State in the Towns of Peterborough and
Temple, New Hampshire

Supplemental Information for the Staff Recommendation

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The Safety Division's review of the above Staff Recommendation dated March 22, 2021 identified the following that needs clarification.

Reference in the Review of public need and public impact, including applicability of other State regulations;

Section 4. Review of public need and public impact

“Safety Division Staff concludes the impact to the public will be significant due to the aesthetics changes resulting from the project's construction requirements. The proposed crossings do not appear to affect the rights of the public in the public land of the Miller State Park because minimum safe line clearances above the land surface will be maintained at all times allowing for safe hiking activities in the park. “

This statement in the recommendation is verifying that the active community that was involved in the process from the beginning voiced their concerns as to how the tree trimming and new poles would change the aesthetics as they know them. It took a collaborative effort from Eversource and the NH State Agencies involved to convince and explain in detail, that in order to bring the area into NESC compliance and create a safe condition, that new poles and a considerable amount of tree trimming would be required, thus changing how it may look differently from how the community sees it now. Eversource committed to the public that it would do their best to keep the impact to

a minimum. After numerous on site meetings and public outreach sessions the public was in agreement with the project and the tree trimming was completed in October of 2020, and appeared to change the aesthetics of the area that the pole line is within. This was the biggest obstacle for the PAC Monadnock community. The project overall does not alter the hiking trails, but actually will make them safer to travel.

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