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Ms. Debra A. Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: VERIFIED JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF
AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC. BY
EVERSOURCE ENERGY**

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to Rule Puc 202.01(c), Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (“Aquarion-NH”) and Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) (together, the “Joint Petitioners”) submit the enclosed “Verified Joint Petition for Approval of the Acquisition of Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. by Eversource Energy.” RSA 369:8, II is the controlling statutory authority for this transaction. Under that law, “the approval of the commission shall not be required if the public utility files with the commission a detailed written representation no less than 60 days prior to the anticipated completion of the transaction that the transaction will not have an adverse effect on rates, terms, service, or operation of the public utility within the state.” RSA 369:8, II(b)(1).

The Petition sets forth a detailed explanation of why this transaction will have no adverse effect on rates, terms, services or operations. The Petition demonstrates that no changes to Aquarion-NH’s rates, terms or conditions of service are proposed, and that culmination of the transaction will actually be beneficial to Aquarion-NH’s customers, with the opportunity for improved corporate credit scores and access to Eversource’s New Hampshire-based equipment and personnel if needed during emergent situations.

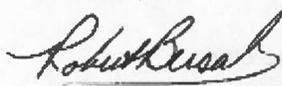
As required by Rule Puc 201.01(c), the Petition includes a copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (“PSA”) memorializing the transaction and a detailed representation concerning the effects of the transaction.

Also included is a “Motion for Confidential Treatment” regarding confidential commercial pricing information contained in the PSA. Public (redacted) and confidential (unredacted) copies of the PSA are attached per Puc 203.02(a)(1).

The anticipated completion date for this transaction is on or shortly after November 1, 2017. This filing is timely under RSA 369:8, II(b)(1) as the Joint Petitioners are making this submission more than 60 days prior to that anticipated closing date. The Joint Petitioners are requesting the Commission to determine that the transaction will have no adverse effect on rates, terms, service, or operation of Aquarion-NH and allow the transaction to be approved as filed per RSA 369:8, II(b)(2).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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