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November 9, 2017

Re: DE 17-124, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Sale of Generating Facilities
Technical Session and Hearing

To the Parties:

On November 8, 2017, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), the Office of Strategic Initiatives, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Conservation Law Foundation, and Commission Staff (collectively, the Stipulating Parties) filed a Stipulation requesting that the Commission approve the sale of the Eversource thermal generating stations to Granite Shore Power, LLC as described in the Eversource application filed in this docket on October 12, 2017 (Thermal PSA). The Stipulating Parties requested Commission approval of the Thermal PSA without further adjudicatory process or hearings.

The Commission has determined that review and approval of the Thermal PSA requires a hearing. As described in the Commission's Order of Notice and the Order on Confidential Treatment, Order No. 26,057 (September 19, 2017), the Commission must make findings on issues concerning the auction process, total transaction value, and consistency with the 2015 Settlement.

On November 8, 2017, the three intervening municipalities, the City of Berlin and the Towns of New Hampton and Bristol (Municipal Intervenors), filed a Joint Statement concerning the Stipulation. In this Joint Statement, the Municipal Intervenors indicated that they "will not object to the Commission's separate approval [of the Thermal PSA] ... so long as the Municipal Intervenors are allowed to make any argument and to take any position before the Commission in this Docket's consideration of the sale of PSNH's hydroelectric assets, or in Docket DE 17-096, or in any other docket before any other agency."

Given the Commission's schedule and a desire to resolve this docket in a timely and efficient manner, the Commission has modified the procedural schedule as follows. A technical session will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at which time the parties should discuss the conduct of the hearing, including order of witnesses and identification of issues that will be resolved through stipulation or litigation. In addition, the Commission has rescheduled the merits hearing to November 27 and 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., continuing to November 29, 2017, if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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