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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**Re: Docket DE 18-119 - Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a
Eversource Energy – Petition For License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines
Under and Across Lake Winnepesaukee to Welch Island in the Town of Gilford,
New Hampshire**

Dear Ms. Howland:

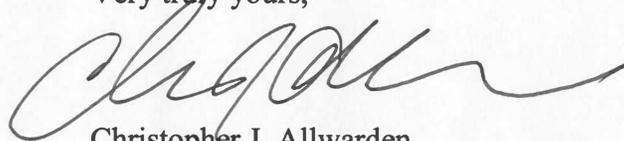
This letter is to inform the Commission of a proposed alteration to the crossing licensed in the above Docket DE 18-119 by Order *Nisi* Granting License dated January 28, 2019, Order No. 26,216 (the “Order”). This alteration notification is being provided to the Commission in accordance with the ordering clause of the Order that Eversource submit any future proposed alteration(s) to the crossing license at least 60 days prior to undertaking any such alteration(s).

The alteration relates only to the manner and method of installation and construction of the licensed crossing, and no alterations to the crossing itself or any of the materials to be used for the crossing are being made. Specifically, the crossing as originally applied for by Eversource, and as licensed under the Order, provides for installation of the crossing on the Lake Winnepesaukee Belknap Point (mainland) shoreline by horizontal directional drilling (HDD) installation methods. However, as a result of concerns raised by our HDD contractors relating to the type of soils to be encountered, and the higher risk of a “frack out” which could result in an undesirable release of drilling fluids into the waters of the Lake, an engineering and environmental determination has been made to use conventional trenching methods for the Belknap Point shoreline installation, instead of HDD. Please note that the use of conventional trenching on the Welch Island shoreline was always planned and is not being altered.

Eversource will obtain, and has applied to obtain, from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, all new or revised shoreland impact and wetlands permits needed for the new method of construction and installation on the Belknap Point shoreline.

Should it be necessary to comply with the Commission's procedural rules in this matter, Eversource is filing this letter along with six copies. Additionally, an electronic filing of this letter is being made to the Commission on this date. If there are any technical questions concerning this letter, they may be directed to Samuel D. Bosse, Manager, Field Engineering Design, NH-Tilton, who can be reached at 603-266-1337, or to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Allwarden", written in a cursive style.

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cc: S.D. Bosse
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