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Robert A. Bersak, Esq.
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**Re: DE 17-184, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource
Energy Approval of Termination and Restructuring Agreement with Briar
Hydro Associates**

Dear Mr. Bersak:

On November 28, 2017, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) filed a request that the Commission review the Termination and Restructuring Agreement (Agreement) between Eversource and Briar Hydro Associates (Briar) and issue a secretarial letter approving implementation of the Agreement.

Eversource and Briar entered into two Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) in 1994 with respect to production at Briar's Rolfe and Penacook Upper Falls hydroelectric projects (Projects). The PPA involving Rolfe continues through the end of 2022; the PPA involving Penacook Upper Falls continues through the end of 2021. Each of these PPAs provides for payments at 90% of then-current energy and capacity avoided costs during the last five years of the PPA term.

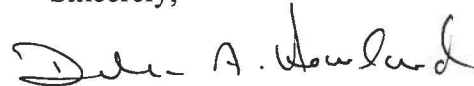
The Agreement would terminate Eversource's obligation to purchase the power output of the Projects, while requiring Briar to pay to Eversource on a monthly basis an amount equal to 10% of (1) each Project's net Forward Capacity Market revenues, and (2) the product of the hourly real-time nodal locational marginal price multiplied by the Project's actual hourly megawatt-hour output. Briar's payment obligation would be secured by an irrevocable standby letter of credit.

On January 3, 2018, Commission Staff filed a memorandum concluding that the Agreement preserves for Eversource customers the economic benefits of the current below-market pricing under the PPAs, and recommending approval of the Agreement and

Eversource's request that a secretarial letter be issued approving implementation of the Agreement.

The Commission has reviewed Eversource's request and Staff's recommendation and has approved Eversource's implementation of the Agreement. Accordingly, Eversource's implementation of the Agreement is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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