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Re: DE 16-441, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines, Neutral Wire and Fiber Optic
Cable Over and Across the Oyster River and Little Bay in the Town of Durham, NH, and
Pickering Brook and Little Bay in the Town of Newington, NH

To the Parties:

In Order *Nisi* No. 25,998 (March 10, 2017), the Commission authorized Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) to construct, install, operate, and maintain electric lines, neutral wire, and fiber optic cable over or under and across the public waters described in its petition and as depicted in the documents it filed in the above-captioned docket. In its petition and supporting documents, Eversource proposed using jet plow trenches with a depth of 8 feet beneath the bottom of the main channel of Little Bay.

On September 7, 2017, Eversource notified the Commission that it intended to modify its construction by changing the plow trench depth in the main channel of Little Bay from 8 feet to 5 feet. Commission Staff reviewed Eversource's proposed alteration and, on January 29, 2018, issued an addendum to its original recommendation. In this addendum, Staff stated that "its recommendation remains for approval of the crossing of Little Bay, as was filed on February 1, 2017." Further, Staff reviewed Order Number *Nisi* 25,998 and concluded that no amendment to this order was necessary.

Because Eversource's alteration to its construction has not changed Staff's original recommendation to approve this crossing, the Commission approves this alteration in accordance with Staff's addendum dated January 29, 2018. No amendment to Order *Nisi* Number 25,998 is necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland" followed by a stylized flourish.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List (electronically)
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