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**Re: Docket No. DE 19-XXX**  
**Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy**  
**Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project**

Dear Director Howland:

On behalf of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or the "Company"), enclosed herewith are an original and six copies of the petition, testimony and attachments comprising PSNH's request for preauthorization of the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project, which is a proposal to provide a solution to a reliability-challenged area within the Company's service territory through the integration of battery storage, distributed energy resources, and enhanced energy efficiency.

On May 28, 2019, PSNH submitted a request for permanent rates in Docket No. DE 19-057, including among its proposals the Grid Transformation and Enablement Program ("GTPEP"). As part of the GTPEP proposal, the Company submitted the joint testimony of Charlotte Ancel and Jennifer Schilling describing two clean innovation projects that would be funded through the cost recovery mechanism established in the rate case, including the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project. On July 31, 2019, the Company filed a letter in Docket No. DE 19-057 to inform the Commission that, based on input from the rate case parties, PSNH would move its request for preauthorization of the two clean innovation projects to separate dockets, and would do so on a staggered schedule.

The enclosed filing is the Company's submittal for the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project. By this submission, PSNH requests that the Commission review the merits of the Westmoreland project in this new docket to preauthorize capital and O&M expenses related to the project, with rate recovery to be sought by PSNH in a future proceeding through the GTPEP cost recovery mechanism following the process proposed in Docket No. DE 19-057.

In transferring review of the merits of this project from Docket No. DE 19-057 to this new docket, the Company does so on the understanding that the Commission Staff and The Way Home support proceeding in an expeditious and efficient manner such that this docket may be concluded without undue delay and preferably near in time to the conclusion of the rate case.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: DE 19-057 Service List