

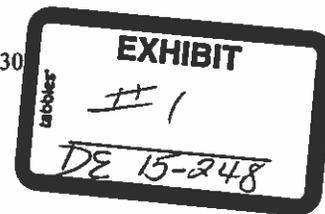


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RE: DE 15-XXX  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Director Howland:

On March 28, 2014, a settlement agreement was filed with the Commission concerning Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's ("Eversource") 2013 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan ("LCIRP") and on May 1, 2014, the Commission issued Order No. 25,659 accepting that plan. Thereafter, on June 12, 2014, the Commission issued Order No. 25,676 following Eversource's request for reconsideration or clarification where it concluded, among other things, that Eversource must file its next LCIRP by June 21, 2015. In accordance with that directive, Eversource encloses with this letter an original and six copies of its 2015 LCIRP.

Consistent with the Commission's direction in Order No. 25,676, this LCIRP filing is limited to discussion of matters pertaining to Eversource's distribution and transmission planning and does "not address supply options, diversity of supply sources, consideration of the Clean Air Act (as amended) or the assessment of the plan's impact on the environment, economy, energy price and supply in New Hampshire." Order No. 25,676 at 4. With respect to Eversource's distribution and transmission planning, in the settlement agreement relating to last LCIRP Eversource agreed that it would include with this submission greater details on its planning processes, an updated assessment of demand side energy programs, and additional information on "Smart Grid" activities. Eversource has included such considerations in sections II and IV, and appendices A and B of this LCIRP submission.

Furthermore, as had been acknowledged in the prior settlement agreement and Order No. 25,659, at the time the Commission was considering Eversource's last LCIRP, certain proposed amendments to the statutes relating to resource planning were under consideration in the New Hampshire Legislature. Effective August 15, 2014, the Legislature enacted certain amendments to the LCIRP statutes including, in particular, amendments to RSA 378:38 relating to the scope

of issues to be included within an LCIRP submission. Eversource has incorporated those requirements into this submission to the degree that the requirements relate to distribution and transmission planning, or as otherwise exempted by Order No. 25,676.

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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Enclosures  
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