## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE before the PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy 2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Docket No. DE 15-XXX

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2015 LEAST COST INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 202.01 and Puc 203.06 and RSA 378:39, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or "the Company") hereby petitions the Commission for review and approval of its 2015 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan ("LCIRP"). In support of this Petition, Eversource states as follows:

1. Consistent with the settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order 24,659 (May 1, 2014), and as clarified by the Commission in Order No. 25,676 (June 12, 2015), Eversource petitions the Commission to review and approve Eversource's 2015 LCIRP as it pertains to Eversource's distribution and transmission planning. In the settlement agreement pertaining to Eversource's 2013 LCIRP, Eversource agreed that in addition to the information provided in the 2013 LCIRP, Eversource would provide additional information on its distribution planning and descriptions of how it integrates least cost objectives into its planning, as well as updates to its assessments of demand-side energy management programs. Additionally, Eversource agreed to include additional information relating to "Smart Grid" benefits, and, in particular, the integration of distribution automation. Eversource has included such items in its planning as provided in this submission.

2. Furthermore, effective August 15, 2014, the New Hampshire Legislature enacted

certain amendments to the LCIRP statutes and amended the scope of information required for an

LCIRP submission. See RSA 378:38. Eversource has likewise incorporated such items into its

LCIRP submission to the extent that they relate to distribution and transmission planning as

called for in Order No. 25,676. Accordingly, Eversource has considered and incorporated the

requirements of the law, and the Commission's orders, into its LCIRP submission and requests

that the Commission review and approve this LCIRP consistent with RSA 378:39.

WHEREFORE, PSNH respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Review and approve Eversource's 2015 LCIRP; and

B. Grant such further relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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