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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Re: DE 16-241 Eversource Energy  
Petition for Approval of Gas Infrastructure Contract with Algonquin Gas  
Transmission, LLC

Dear Ms. Howland:

Our firm represents NextEra Energy Resources, LLC ("NEER"), an entity that owns and operates a number of electricity generation plants in New England, including a majority interest in the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station, as well as entities that buy, sell and use natural gas, all of which may be affected by the Commission's decision in the above-captioned matter (the "Proceeding"). Because of its significant interest, NEER will petition for intervention in the Proceeding once the Commission issues an Order of Notice.

On February 18, 2016 and March 10, 2016, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("Algonquin"), respectively, filed motions for confidential treatment of information contained in the Eversource petition and accompanying testimony (the "Confidentiality Motions"). While NEER will file a formal and more complete response to the Confidentiality Motions after it becomes a party to the Proceeding, we are writing in advance to advise the Commission that NEER intends to respond to the Confidentiality Motions and to assure that no order on the Confidentiality Motions will issue until after NEER has been given an opportunity to respond pursuant to whatever schedule the Commission determines is appropriate.

The details of NEER's concerns will be provided in NEER's formal response, but in summary, the Confidentiality Motions suggest broad redactions and that the redacted information should be reviewed only by the Commission and OCA. NEER is willing to enter into a reasonable non-disclosure agreement to assure the truly confidential information

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remains so. That said, NEER intends to participate fully in this Proceeding and, to do so meaningfully, it must have meaningful access to the information that Eversource and Algonquin suggest demonstrates that the Eversource Petition is in compliance with New Hampshire law and the Commission's decision in its *Investigation into Potential Approaches to Ameliorate Adverse Wholesale Electricity Market Conditions in New Hampshire*, Docket No. IR 15-124; is in the best interests of the Eversource ratepayers that it proposes should absorb the risk of the proposed investment; and otherwise in compliance with federal law.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



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