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Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DOCKET NO. DE 18-_____
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
2019 Energy Service Solicitation
Senate Bill 365 (2018 N.H. Laws Chapter 379)

Dear Director Howland:

On September 13, 2018, the General Court overrode the Governor's veto and 2018 N.H. Laws Chapter 379 (Senate Bill 365) "AN ACT relative to the use of renewable generation to provide fuel diversity" took effect.

Pursuant to that new law, Eversource solicited proposals from the six biomass-fueled "eligible facilities" located within its service territory. Five of the six facilities (all but Alexandria) responded to Eversource's solicitation. Each of those five rejected or amended certain of the terms and conditions included in Eversource's solicitation.

RSA 362-H:2, III created by SB 365 requires Eversource to provide all eligible facility agreements to the commission as part of its submission for periodic approval of its residential electric customer default service supply solicitation, and subsection IV requires the commission to perform a review.

Eversource requests that the Commission bifurcate this 2019 energy service proceeding into two parts – one to consider the matters set forth herein related to SB 365 and the second to consider the establishment of the Company's ES rate effective February 1, 2019. This request is made due to the expeditious consideration required for the review and approval of responses to the Company's RFP for energy service for the period February 1 through July 31, 2019.

Attached please find Eversource's "Petition for Commission Review of Responses Received by Eversource Pursuant to RSA Chapter 362-H as Enacted by Senate Bill 365" which includes Eversource's solicitation, the proposals received from the five eligible facilities, as well as the prefiled testimony of Mr. Frederick B. White in support of that Petition.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Bersak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

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cc via e-mail per Puc 203.11 (a)(1):

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