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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy – Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Winnepesaukee River in the Towns of Belmont and Tilton, New Hampshire

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the original and six copies of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's Petition for License to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across the Winnepesaukee River in the Towns of Belmont and Tilton, New Hampshire, with attached figures and exhibits. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, an electronic filing of the enclosed Petition with attached figures and exhibits is also being made with the Commission on this date.

Eversource respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order *Nisi* with respect to this water crossing license application. This new crossing is part of an important transmission line reliability replacement project for Eversource's L176 line. Accordingly, any expedited treatment that may be given by the Commission and its Staff to the enclosed Petition will be appreciated.

Should there be any technical questions concerning this filing, they may be directed to Eversource Senior Engineer Joseph R. Sperry, P.E., who can be reached at 603-634-2562. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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cc: J.R. Sperry, P.E.
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