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Debra Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Docket No. DE 19-087
Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc and Vermont Transco LLC

Petition for Approval of Assignment of Easement Rights

Dear Director Howland:

Please let this letter serve as the response of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) to the petition submitted by Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. and Vermont Transco LLC (collectively “VELCO”) in the above-referenced docket. In its petition VELCO notes that it and Eversource have jointly occupied a right of way in Claremont, New Hampshire since the 1960s. While Eversource and VELCO have jointly used and maintained the right-of-way pursuant to an agreement in principle since that time, they have now reached an agreement for a formal assignment of rights in the relevant right-of-way from VELCO to Eversource for which the Commission’s approval is being sought in this docket.

Eversource agrees with the petition as submitted by VELCO and supports the relief requested in it. More specifically, and as described in VELCO’s petition, Eversource agrees that this assignment will allow the companies to continue to provide safe and reliable transmission service by formalizing an arrangement the companies have successfully operated under for over 50 years. Accordingly, Eversource agrees that approval of the assignment will be for the public good as required under RSA 374:30.

Additionally, Eversource understands from the Commission Staff that providing a map of the right-of-way in issue would be helpful in its review. Attached to this letter is a photo overlay of the relevant area prepared by VELCO to aid in Staff’s review. Eversource notes that its ownership of the lines identified in the map, and which are the subject of this docket, ends at the west bank of the Connecticut River consistent with petition provided to support the license granted by the Commission in Order No. 8696 (July 19, 1967), 49 N.H. P.U.C. 221, in Docket No. D-E4561.

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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