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

RE: Docket No. DE 19-133  
Petition for Preauthorization of Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project  
Withdrawal of Petition Without Prejudice


Dear Director Howland:

On May 28, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or the "Company") submitted a request for permanent rates in Docket No. DE 19-057, including among its proposals the Grid Transformation and Enablement Program ("GTEP"). As part of the GTEP proposal, the Company described two clean innovation projects that were proposed to be funded through the cost recovery mechanism established in the rate case, including the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project. On July 30, 2019, the Company filed a letter in Docket No. DE 19-057 to inform the Commission that, based on input from the rate case parties, Eversource would move its request for preauthorization of the two clean innovation projects to separate dockets.

On July 31, 2019, the Company submitted in this docket its request for preauthorization of the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project, a proposal to provide a solution to a reliability challenged area within the Company's service territory through the integration of battery storage, distributed energy resources, and enhanced energy efficiency. Since that time, Eversource has had numerous discussions with the Commission Staff and other parties to better understand the benefits to be found in energy storage projects such as the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project. As a result of those discussions, and out of an interest in ensuring as successful a proposal as possible, Eversource has determined that it should withdraw, without prejudice, the Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project from the Commission's consideration.

Regardless of this withdrawal, Eversource will continue to analyze, identify, and implement reliability improvements in the Westmoreland area. Further, Eversource will continue reviewing this project, and other potential energy storage projects in New Hampshire, with a view toward bringing a successful proposal to the Commission as soon as reasonably possible. Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



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