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October 10, 2017

Re: DE 15-464, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy Petition for Approval of Lease Agreement with Northern Pass Transmission LLC Suspension of Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On October 9, 2017, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a request to suspend an October 11, 2017 deadline for responses to data requests and to cancel the technical session scheduled for October 11, 2017. The OCA stated that the purpose of the extension is to allow additional time for settlement negotiations. If settlement negotiations are not successful, the OCA will promptly notify the Commission and propose a suitable schedule for the completion of discovery so that the docket can proceed to the merits hearing as scheduled on November 28 and 29. The OCA also stated that Eversource Energy, NPT, and Staff assent to the relief requested. The Commission has determined that suspending discovery will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. Accordingly, the October 11 deadline for responding to discovery requests is suspended, and the technical session scheduled for October 11 is cancelled.

Sincerely,

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