

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
PREPARED TESTIMONY OF JOHN PAUL DIPAOLA-TROMBA
TRANSMISSION COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM (TCAM)
Docket No. DE 19-106

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address and your present position.**

2 A. My name is John Paul DiPaola-Tromba. My business address is 56 Prospect
3 Street, Hartford, CT 06043. I am a Director of Transmission Business & Quality
4 Assurance at Eversource Energy (“Eversource”).

5 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Commission?**

6 A. No, I have not previously testified before the Commission.

7 **Q. What are your current responsibilities?**

8 A. I am responsible for the leadership and direction of the Eversource transmission
9 engineering business unit with respect to short- and long-term capital planning,
10 transmission and substation capital project approvals, asset management for
11 transmission and substation assets, and cost estimating for major projects.

12 **Q. Please describe your educational background.**

13 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, a Master of
14 Engineering degree, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the
15 University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut.

1 **Q. Please describe your professional experience.**

2 A. I have experience in engineering and the transmission business, including
3 transmission and substation asset management, capital program planning,
4 engineering, cost estimating, process improvement and compliance. Prior to my
5 current role, I previously held several technical roles in engineering, asset
6 management and compliance, including Manager of Transmission Asset
7 Management, the Manager of Strategy & Performance, and the Manager of System
8 Performance & Investment.

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the transmission planning process at
11 ISO-NE and to provide a detailed description of the projects included in the LNS
12 rates that have been included as part of this Transmission Cost Adjustment
13 Mechanism (“TCAM”) filing consistent with the directive of Order No. 25,912
14 dated June 28, 2016 in Docket No. DE 16-566.

15 **Q. Will anyone else be providing testimony in support of this filing?**

16 A. Yes. Edward A. Davis will be filing testimony in support of the proposed retail
17 transmission rates. In his testimony, Mr. Davis will detail the rates applicable to
18 each individual rate class. Erica L. Menard and David F. Bidmead will be filing
19 joint testimony in support of the calculation of Eversource’s TCAM rates effective
20 August 1, 2019 as well as the reconciliation of actual transmission costs through
21 the reconciliation period ending July 2019.

1 **Q. What information have you provided to meet the requirements of Order No.**
2 **25,912, dated June 28, 2016, in Docket No. DE 16-566?**

3 A. With respect to the ISO-NE transmission planning process, which is a regionally
4 coordinated process conducted periodically to reliably meet customer demand,
5 system stability and asset condition throughout the region. Broadly speaking, there
6 is an extensive stakeholder process to identify the various needs of the electrical
7 system and the potential solutions to those needs through the development of the
8 regional system plan. As part of that process, ISO-NE will review potential
9 transmission solutions and, in parallel, market participants can develop and
10 propose market alternatives that would resolve the identified needs. Eventually, a
11 preferred solution is selected to address the identified needs.

12 Eversource employs similar methods to develop a local system plan to address
13 more localized needs of the electric system. A more complete description of this
14 process is contained in the last Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan submitted on
15 June 19, 2015 in Docket No. 15-248. Bates pages 18-20 of that filing provide
16 descriptions and links to information on both the regional and local system
17 planning processes.

18 Additionally, as Attachment JPD-T-1, I have provided the Actual 2018 Projects in
19 Service greater than \$5 million included in Schedule 21-ES, Category A (Local
20 Network Service) for The Connecticut Light and Power Company (“CL&P”),
21 Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”), and NSTAR(West) that

1 are included in the LNS expenses in this filing. The attachment includes CL&P,
2 PSNH and NSTAR(West) because all LNS customers (including PSNH retail
3 customers) pay an average rate under Schedule 21-ES. The attachment details the
4 projects by individual company, project title, total project investment amount and
5 what portion of the project is classified by ISO-New England as a Pool
6 Transmission Facility (“PTF”).

7 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

8 **A.** Yes, it does.