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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 Licenses to Construct and Maintain Electric Lines Over and Across Lands
Owned by the State in the Towns of Tilton and Belmont, and the City of Laconia,
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 Lands Owned by the State in the Towns Tilton and Belmont, and the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, with attached table, figures and exhibits. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, an electronic filing of the enclosed Petition with attached table, 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 State lands crossing license application. These new crossings are 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Allwarden", written over the typed name and title.

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