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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 19-057
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
Permanent Rates Filing**

Dear Director Howland:

Cheshire County is excited to partner with and to support Eversource's Westmoreland Clean Innovation Project, a cutting-edge clean energy solution that will enhance reliability for customers in Cheshire County and provide an opportunity to further study the development of future clean energy proposals in the Granite State. For the past several years, Westmoreland has experienced a significant number of power outages which affects Westmoreland residents and businesses, as well as critical resources including the Maplewood Country Nursing Home, the Westmoreland Fire Station and the town's elementary school.

We have been in close communication with Eversource representatives about their proposed project and understand it will serve as a learning opportunity for them to refine their approach as they consider expanding these types of clean energy applications in other New Hampshire communities. Advancing clean energy is very important to our residents, and we are eager to partner with Eversource and host this groundbreaking effort.

In addition to providing a solution to enhance the reliability of electric service in our region, we appreciate that this project will help our residents access energy efficiency upgrades and provide incentives for residents who participate in programs that help reduce the state's energy use. Importantly, we are also pleased that this project provides an alternative to building a new overhead power line in Westmoreland.

We are proud to support efforts to build the clean energy grid of the future, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with Eversource to advance this innovative project.

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