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June 3, 2015

Mr. Todd Selig
Durham Town Administrator
15 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824

Dear Todd,

First, on behalf of Eversource, let me extend our thanks for the open, direct and helpful conversation we have had with members of the town administration and Town Councilors as we work through the proposed Seacoast Reliability Project. Your inclusive approach has enabled Eversource to better understand the local impact and make adjustments that will benefit the community. While we continue to work through siting issues, we appreciate the constructive nature of our dialogue with Durham officials.

As you know, electric demand in portions of the New Hampshire Seacoast Region is growing at twice the rate as the rest of the state. As a result of this growth, the Independent System Operator of New England, ISO-NE, concluded that the Seacoast area needs additional transmission capacity to support the reliable delivery of electric power to meet the region's current and future demand. In fact, an article that recently appeared in Foster's, describing how Durham and the rest of the Seacoast area are experiencing the fastest growth in the Northeast region, underscores the need for the area to be energy ready.

Responding to the Seacoast area's energy needs, we are proposing station upgrades and a new 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will begin in Madbury and end in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Seacoast Reliability Project will extend approximately 13 miles between two existing substations, the Madbury Substation on Miles Lane in Madbury, and the Portsmouth Substation on Gosling Road in Portsmouth.

During Eversource's ongoing community outreach effort concerning the proposed Seacoast Reliability Project, we've taken seriously the questions and concerns raised by citizens, business leaders, and elected and appointed officials throughout the region, including those that have been raised in Durham.

We are pleased to provide you with a document of detailed responses to some of the most common questions we've received so far during discussions of the Project, and hope that you find them helpful in keeping Durham citizens informed. We will continue to provide the community with updated Project information as the siting process continues. Our Seacoast Reliability Project representatives and Project Outreach specialists are always ready to listen and respond to questions, concerns, and ideas as they arise.

Our team stands ready to work with the town throughout the Project's consideration and siting process and we look forward to our continuing dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Clarke".

Robert Clarke
Director of Transmission Business Operations
Eversource Energy