

December 10, 2019

Ms. Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Re: NH SEC Docket 2015-04 – Request for Minor Modification of UNH MOU

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am writing to you to inform you that Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and the University of New Hampshire (“UNH”) are currently working together to slightly amend the construction schedule on the UNH campus in Durham, New Hampshire.

Currently, the executed Memorandum of Understanding between Eversource and UNH, App. Ex. 270 (the “MOU”), provides that construction of the underground portion of the Project shall be constructed between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm and that “[c]onstruction will not typically be conducted on Sundays or holidays.” See UNH MOU ¶ II.A. In addition, “[a]ll construction work is to be coordinated with the UNH Project Manager, adhering to an approved reasonable work schedule and will need UNH approval prior to any variation from previously accepted practices.” *Id.*

Condition II.B. of the MOU provides that “[e]xcavation work for the underground construction will commence after graduation on May 19, 2019 and will be completed by August 22, 2019.”

Lastly, Condition II.F of the MOU provides that:

The underground portion (civil and cable installation) of the Project Facilities will be constructed during the period from May 19 through August 22, 2019. . . . To the extent construction of the Project Facilities is required after August 22, 2019, construction shall only occur from May 17 through August 21, 2020.

To date, Eversource has completed all excavation activities on the UNH campus consistent with Condition II.B. of the MOU. The work activities that have not yet been completed for the underground portion of the Project at UNH are only related to cable pulling and termination. In order to accelerate construction of the Project without having to wait until May 2020, and to complete the underground portion of the Project sooner, UNH and Eversource jointly request that the MOU be amended to allow Eversource to complete construction of the underground portion of the Project from December 10, 2019 to January 20, 2020. Eversource has been working with UNH management to develop this schedule and by this writing, UNH submits

written approval of the requested modification to the MOU, consistent with ¶ II.A of the MOU.¹ This timeframe was agreed upon to avoid any impacts to the students or campus activities.

In addition, to complete the cable pulling and termination activities between December 10, 2019 and January 20, 2020, UNH and Eversource jointly request a modification to UNH Condition II.A. so that Eversource may conduct work on Sundays and holidays. Eversource and UNH request to have the option to perform such construction activities on Sundays and holidays in the event of work delays due to inclement weather to ensure that underground construction on the campus can be completed by the January 20, 2020 deadline.

The cable pulling and termination activities are conducted at the two transition structure locations. The construction equipment associated with these activities will cause little, if any, disturbance. The transition structures are solely located on the UNH campus and there are no residential areas in the vicinity of this work. Moreover, there will not be any increased truck traffic during the UNH winter break.

In order to complete construction in a more timely fashion, both UNH and Eversource jointly request that the SEC Administrator make the requested minor modifications to the UNH MOU as described above. Eversource intends to mobilize for this construction on Tuesday December 10, 2019.

Please contact either of us directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Adam Dumville



William Janelle
Associate Vice President

¹ Eversource has also informed the Town of Durham, without objection, about these requested changes to the UNH work schedule.