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Steven Allen
Eversource Energy
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Re: Request for Pool-Supported PTF Cost Treatment for Eversource Webster – Beebe River 115 kV Corridor Asset Condition and OPGW Projects – ISO New England Written Finding and Determination

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter is being sent in accordance with Section 1 of Schedule 12C - Determination of Localized Costs On and After January 1, 2004 (Schedule 12C) of Section II of the ISO New England Inc. (ISO) Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff (the Tariff) and ISO New England Planning Procedure No. 4 - Procedure for Pool-Supported PTF Cost Review.¹

Eversource (ES) submitted three Transmission Cost Allocation (TCA) applications pursuant to Schedule 12C. The TCA applications² requested Pool-Supported Pool Transmission Facility (PTF) cost allocation treatment for work associated with replacing wood structures with self-weathering steel structures on the A111, E115, and Z180 115 kV Lines. Additionally, optical ground wire (OPGW) was installed in place of the existing Copperweld shield wire and 336 conductor was replaced with 1272 ACSS conductor. This work was performed to address deteriorated mechanical steel connections and to mitigate deficiencies such as woodpecker damage, cracks, rot and splitting (the Projects).

In accordance with Schedule 12C, the NEPOOL Reliability Committee (RC) reviewed the TCA applications and, on March 14, 2023, did not identify any Localized Costs to be excluded from Pool-Supported PTF costs, and recommended that the ISO approve the TCA application to treat \$109.903 million³ as Pool-Supported PTF costs.

The ISO has determined, in concurrence with the RC's recommendation, that the \$109.903 million requested in the TCA applications for the Projects may be included as Pool-Supported PTF costs. The final PTF costs will be based on the actual expenditures associated with these facilities. The ISO's decision is based on the facts that the project provides a regional reliability benefit, is consistent with Good Utility Practice, and is consistent with current engineering and design practices in the area in which the project is being constructed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brent Oberlin

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cc: TCApps
Reliability Committee

¹ Capitalized terms not defined in this letter have the meanings ascribed thereto in the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff.

² TCA Applications, which were submitted to ISO New England on August 19, 2021, June 27, 2022, and January 9, 2023 by Eversource Energy, ES-21-TCA-44 (\$31.227M), ES-22-TCA-20 (\$64.147M), and ES-23-TCA-01(\$14.529M). Asset Condition Project list IDs #279-#281 and Proposed Plan Applications ES-21-T43 – ES-21-T45 that were approved by the ISO on July 15, 2021.

³ Costs are based on 2021, 2022 and 2023 estimated costs.