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Ms. Emily Laine
Chair, NEPOOL Reliability Committee
ISO New England, Inc.
One Sullivan Road
Holyoke, MA 01040-2841

Dear Ms. Laine,

In accordance with Schedule 12C of the ISO New England ("ISO-NE") Transmission, Markets & Services Tariff ("ISO-NE Tariff"), Eversource Energy Service Company ("Eversource") hereby submits the attached Transmission Cost Allocation ("TCA") application(s) reporting cost support information associated with the construction, retirement, or modification to facilities rated 69 kV and above that qualify as regional Pool Transmission Facilities ("PTF") for the following Eversource project:

**ES-22-TCA-37 Q171 115-kV Line Wood Structure Replacements and OPGW
Installation (Merrimack substation – Greggs substation)**

Eversource is requesting that ISO-NE submit this TCA to the NEPOOL Reliability Committee for review, in accordance with ISO-NE Planning Procedure No. 4 ("PP-4").

If you have any questions, I can be reached via the information listed above.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Allen

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cc: M. Drzewianowski

Attachment B
TCA Application Form

1. Applicant: Application #: ES-22-TCA-37 Date: Sep-22

Contact Name: Steven J. Allen

Company Name: Eversource Energy Service Company

Address 1: 56 Prospect Street

Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: Hartford, CT 06103 RSP Project ID # or Asset Condition ID # TBD

Contact Phone #: 860-728-4536 Is Project related to CIP-14

Email Address: steven.allen@eversource.com Yes No

2. Project Description: In Service Date: Jul-23

a. **High Level Project Details:**

Project Name (If no formal name, then Substation Upgrade, Line Upgrade, etc. are acceptable):

Project Location (State only):

State:

NH

County:

Merrimack, Hillsborough

Q171 115-kV Line Structure Replacements and OPGW Installation Project (Merrimack substation - Greggs substation)

b. Summary of PTF-related work for Project:

This project will replace 21.6 miles (two 10.8 circuit miles) of obsolete copperweld/alumoweld shield wire with Optical Ground Wire (OPGW), and remove one wood structure and replace 44 wood structures with light-duty steel structures to mitigate deficiencies such as rot, splits, cracks, and ability to accommodate OPGW on the Q171 115-kV Line (Merrimack substation - Greggs substation).

Final project cost details will be known following closeout of all project work orders.

c. Summary of Non-PTF-related work for Project:

3. Was a transmission Proposed Plan Application required for this work? Yes No PPA Number: n/a

4. Has a transmission Proposed Plan Application been approved? Yes No N/A Approval Date: n/a

If yes, attach a copy and reference Proposed Plan Application # and approval date. (Please check only one)

Need For Project:

5. Need Based On (Check all Categories that apply):

- a. Reliability
- b. Economic
- c. Service to new load
- d. New generator interconnection

Generator Proposed Plan Application Number _____

Generator Proposed Plan Application Date _____

(Attach copy of cover letter & Generator Proposed Plan Application)

- e. Public Policy Transmission Upgrade (PPTU)
- f. Market Efficiency Transmission Upgrade (METU)
- g. Asset Condition
- h. Other (specify in line 6)

6. Provide a narrative description of the need for this Project.
(Include available documentation relative to the need for this Project.)

Replacing these structures remediates the potential for structure failures due to asset condition vulnerabilities. To ensure the continued operability of this line segment, the identified structures in this line section need to be replaced. Installing OPGW improves communication bandwidth, security, and continuity in network reliability.

16. Describe the major transmission alternatives, and their costs consistent with the breakdown provided in item 7 of this Application, that were considered. Provided an explanation why the preferred alternative was selected.
(Include available documentation relative to the major transmission alternatives analysis and selection.)

Alternative:

- Do nothing but for the reasons stated in 6 above is not acceptable.
- Replacing only C-rated structures and copperweld shield wire is not a viable alternative due to increased loading from the new shield wire.

Preferred: Field inspections have indicated a significant amount of degradation and decreased load carrying capacity of wood 115-kV structures (many of the poles show signs of rot, cracks, splits, and deterioration). Replacing the structures resolves multiple structural/hardware issues and supports safe and reliable operation of the transmission line. The installation of OPGW will provide high speed communication between substation, reduce dependency on leased services for protection and improve the reliability of the Transmission system.

17. Has state and local siting been completed? If yes, explain the siting process and any provisions that were made during siting, provide docket or siting reference numbers. If no, then explain when siting is expected to be completed and any provisions that have been agreed to.

No unusual Siting or permitting was required for this project.

* Pool-Supported PTF costs were determined pursuant to Schedule 11 of Section II of the Tariff.

PROJECT COST ESTIMATE & SCHEDULE SHEET

Transmission Owner: Public Service Company of New Hampshire

RSP Project #: TBD

Project Name: Q171 115-kV Line Structure Replacements and OPGW Installation Project (Merrimack substation - Greggs substation)

Date: Sep-22

1. Project Scope Summary

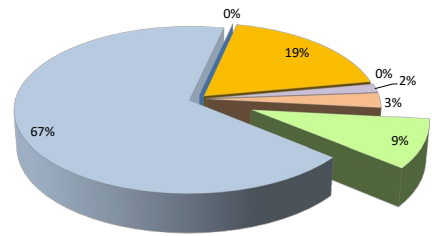
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2. Project Cost Summary

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2.1. Project Cost Summary			
Cost Category	PTF	Non-PTF	Total
Material	\$ 1,401	\$ -	\$ 1,401
Labor & Equipment	\$ 10,093	\$ -	\$ 10,093
Right of Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Engineering/Permitting /Indirects	\$ 2,791	\$ -	\$ 2,791
Escalation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AFUDC	\$ 0,251	\$ -	\$ 0,251
Contingency	\$ 0,430	\$ -	\$ 0,430
Total Project Cost	\$ 14,966	\$ -	\$ 14,966

- Material
- Labor & Equipment
- Right of Way
- Engineering/Permitting /Indirects
- Escalation
- AFUDC
- Contingency



2.2 Detailed Cost Summary By Project Element									
	Material	Labor & Equipment	Right of Way	Engineering/Permitting/ Indirects	Escalation	AFUDC	Contingency	Total	PTF Amount
Q171 115-kV Line Structure Replacements and OPGW Installation Project (Merrimack substation - Greggs substation)	\$ 1,401	\$ 10,093	\$ -	\$ 2,791	\$ -	\$ 0,251	\$ 0,430	\$ 14,966	\$ 14,966
Total	\$ 1,401	\$ 10,093	\$ -	\$ 2,791	\$ -	\$ 0,251	\$ 0,430	\$ 14,966	\$ 14,966

3. Project Milestone Schedule

Description	Start	End	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025			
			Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
Siting & Permitting																						
Approval and Permits	1/1/2022	11/30/2022																				
Engineering																						
Engineering and Design	11/1/2021	7/15/2023																				
Material																						
Material	6/1/2022	1/30/2023																				
Construction																						
Construction	10/17/2022	7/15/2023																				

Q171 115-kV Line Structure Replacements and OPGW Installation Project
 Correlation Table
 (Merrimack substation - Greggs substation)

<u>TCA Item</u>	<u>RSP:</u> Project ID #	<u>Study:</u> Reliability Issues Requiring Action	<u>PPA Application:</u>		<u>PAC/RC Meeting:</u> Presentation Reference	<u>TCA Application (\$Ms):</u>	
			<u>PPA No.</u>	<u>Preferred Solution Description</u>		<u>PTF Estimate</u>	<u>Non-PTF Estimate</u>
ES-22-TCA-37	<u>TBD</u>	n/a	n/a	Removal of one wood structure and replacement of 44 wood structures with light-duty steel structures to include insulators, guys and hardware and install 21.6 miles of Optical Ground Wire (OPGW).	Per PAC Presentation 9/21/2022	\$ 14.966	
				SUBTOTAL		\$ 14.966	\$ -