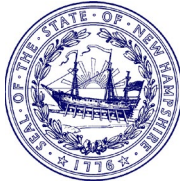


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June 6, 2025

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
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Re: DE 24-087 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource  
Petition for Exemption from Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance, Art. II,  
Part D, under RSA 674:30, III – DOE Position

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On June 6, 2025, pursuant to the approved procedural schedule in the above captioned docket, the Department submitted the testimony of Joseph J. DeVirgilio, Jr. In that testimony, Mr. DeVirgilio recommends that the Department support the request of Eversource for an exemption to the town of Bethlehem's zoning ordinance regarding the five structures in Bethlehem on the U199 transmission line.

In accordance with Puc 202.17, the Department of Energy submits this position statement to communicate to the Commission that the Department adopts Mr. DeVirgilio's recommendation that the Commission grant the Company's request for an exemption.

Please note, pursuant to the Commission's March 3, 2025 *Order on Motion for Clarification of Scope of Proceeding* issued in this docket, the Department is not taking a position on the Company's proposed upgrades to the X178 transmission line at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew C. Young".

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