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Deerfield Conservation Commission
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Deerfield MA 01373

Jonathan Roberge
Eversource Energy
107 Selden Street
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RE: Applicant: Jonathan Roberge, Eversource Energy
Project Location: Eversource Right-of-Way (Lines 1231, 1242)
Project Description: Reconductor & Structure Replacements
DEP Wetlands File No.: 138-0132 (Conway); 142-0230 (Deerfield)
NHESP Tracking No.: **21-39898**

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

The applicant listed above has submitted two Notice of Intent with site plans (Conway plans dated 5/25/2022; Deerfield plans dated 6/7/2022) to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division"), in compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.59). Pursuant to the MA Endangered Species Act (321 CMR 10.18), the Division recently reviewed the entirety of the Line 1231 and 1242 Reconductoring Project (located in Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor, Plainfield, Ashfield, Conway, Shelburne, Deerfield and Montague) including the cumulative impacts of the Line 312 improvements, and issued a MESA determination letter (dated 5/20/2022; attached).

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, **will not adversely affect** the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. Therefore, it is our opinion that this project appears to meet the state-listed species performance standard for the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project. If you have any

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questions regarding this letter please contact Lauren Glorioso, Endangered Species Review Biologist at lauren.glorioso@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Everose Schlüter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Everose Schlüter, Ph.D.
Assistant Director

cc: Scott Smyers, Oxbow Associates, Inc.
Matt Kelly, Epsilon Associates, Inc.
DEP Wetlands, Western Region