

## The State of New Hampshire

## **Department of Environmental Services**



## **Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

February 27, 2018

Mr. David Webster, Chief Water Permits Branch Office of Ecosystem Protection USEPA New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OEP 06-1) Boston, MA 02109-3912

Subject: GSP Schiller LLC (formerly PSNH Schiller Station, dba Eversource)

Certification of NPDES Permit No. NH00001473

Dear Mr. Webster:

By letter dated September 29, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested State Certification of NPDES Permit NH00001473 for Schiller Station in Portsmouth, NH.

The EPA publicly noticed the availability of the draft permit, including the Fact Sheet, in a notice dated September 30, 2015. The Public Notice provided a public comment period until November 28, 2015, and stated that the draft permit and Fact Sheet could be obtained at the EPA New England website at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft\_permits\_listing\_nh.html">http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft\_permits\_listing\_nh.html</a>. In response to a request from Eversource dated October 20, 2015 EPA extended the comment period until January 27, 2016.

After appropriate staff review of the draft permit, public comments, and EPA's response to comments, State Certification is hereby granted pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The permit will ensure that the requirements of Title 50 RSA 485-A, and administrative rule Env-Wq 1700 (Surface Water Quality Regulations) are met.

Upon final issuance by the federal EPA, the Department of Environmental Services may adopt the permit, including all terms and conditions as a state permit pursuant to RSA 485-A:13.

Sincerely,

Eugene J. Forbes, P.E., Director

Water Division

cc: Damien Houlihan, EPA-Boston

Christian Williams, Federal Consistency Coordinator, NH Coastal Program, DES – Portsmouth Tracy Wood, P.E., Administrator, DES-WEB

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