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January 10, 2018

**VIA E-MAIL and FEDEX**

Lynne A. Hamjian, Acting Director  
Office of Ecosystem Protection  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1  
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100  
Boston, MA 02109-3912

**Re: Permit Modification for Transfer of Ownership of Merrimack Station,  
Newington Station, and Schiller Station NPDES Wastewater Permits**

Dear Ms. Hamjian:

On behalf of GSP Merrimack LLC, GSP Newington LLC, and GSP Schiller LLC, subsidiaries of Granite Shore Power LLC (“Granite Shore”), we are notifying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) that the transaction contemplated by that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement between Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”) and Granite Shore closed on January 10, 2018. Pursuant to the terms of the transaction, the aforementioned subsidiaries of Granite Shore are acquiring, respectively, the assets of Merrimack Station, Newington Station, and Schiller Station.

Enclosed are assignment and assumption agreements regarding the NPDES Permits for the respective stations, each dated January 10, 2018, which document the date of transfer of ownership of the stations to the respective Granite Shore subsidiaries, as summarized in the following table:

Facility	NPDES Permit No.	Transferee
Merrimack Station	NH0001465	GSP Merrimack LLC
Newington Station	NH0001601	GSP Newington LLC
Schiller Station	NH0001473	GSP Schiller LLC

The respective Granite Shore subsidiaries request that EPA issue Permit Modifications for the above-listed permits, consistent with the draft forms of permit modification your staff previously provided PSNH and Granite Shore (with the minor clarifications forwarded to your staff on December 21, 2017), effective as of January 10, 2018. Please send electronic copies of the signed permit modifications to Leann M. Plagens ([leann.plagens@cci.com](mailto:leann.plagens@cci.com)), with a copy to me ([snewman@preti.com](mailto:snewman@preti.com)), and hard copies to my attention.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (207) 791-3241 or [snewman@preti.com](mailto:snewman@preti.com).

Very truly yours,



Sharon G. Newman

Enclosures (3)

cc: Mark Stein, Sr. Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA  
David M. Webster, Water Permit Branch Chief, EPA  
Shelly Puleo, EPA  
Leann M. Plagens - ES&H, Granite Shore  
David H. Critchfield – Emsource (ES&H, Granite Shore)  
David B. Van Slyke, Esq., Counsel to Granite Shore  
Robert A. Bersak - Chief Regulatory Counsel, PSNH

**ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT  
REGARDING NPDES PERMIT FOR MERRIMACK STATION**

This Assignment and Assumption Agreement (the “Agreement”), dated as of January 10, 2018 is made and entered into by and between Public Service Company of New Hampshire, a New Hampshire corporation (the “**Seller**” or “**Assignor**”), and GSP Merrimack LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Assignee**”). For purposes of this Agreement, Assignee and Seller/Assignor are referred to herein individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties.**”

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement between Seller and Granite Shore Power LLC (the “**Buyer**”), dated as of October 11, 2017 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Purchase Agreement**”), (i) Seller and its affiliates have each agreed to sell, assign, transfer and deliver to Buyer or one or more of Buyer’s wholly-owned subsidiaries (the “**Buyer Subsidiaries**”), and Buyer, either itself or by one or more of Buyer Subsidiaries, has agreed to purchase and accept from Seller, all rights, title and interests of Seller or its affiliate, as applicable, in and to the Acquired Assets, all on terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, and (ii) Buyer, either itself or by one or more of Buyer Subsidiaries, has agreed to accept from Seller and to assume and agree to pay, perform and discharge the Assumed Liabilities;

WHEREAS, the Acquired Assets include electric generation facilities known as Newington Station, Merrimack Station, Schiller Station, Lost Nation Station, and White Lake Station (the “**Facilities**”);

WHEREAS, the transaction pursuant to the Purchase Agreement will involve purchase of each of those Facilities via wholly-owned subsidiaries of Buyer;

WHEREAS, in connection with operation of the Merrimack Station Facility, Seller holds certain Permits related to environmental matters, including the following National Pollution Discharge & Elimination System Permit (“**NPDES Permit**”) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“**EPA**”):

<b>Facility</b>	<b>NPDES Permit No.</b>
Merrimack Station	NH0001465

WHEREAS, the NPDES Permit associated with the Merrimack Station was issued on June 25, 1992, with an expiration date of July 25, 1997;

WHEREAS, Seller timely submitted a renewal application relative to the Merrimack Station NPDES Permit prior to its expiration, EPA has not reissued the permit, and that Permit has therefore been “administratively continued” and is in full force and effect;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Buyer and Seller must prepare all necessary filings in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement that may be required to be filed by the Parties with applicable Governmental Authorities;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Closing of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Assignment and Assumption Agreement pursuant to which Seller's rights, requirements and obligations under the NPDES Permits will be transferred to Buyer or a Buyer Subsidiary and Buyer or such Buyer Subsidiary, as applicable, will perform and discharge the requirements and obligations under the NPDES Permits, including compliance with Permit conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement (including in the recitals hereto) shall have the meaning given to such terms in the Purchase Agreement.
2. Assignment. Pursuant to and on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, effective as of 12:01 A.M. (eastern prevailing time) on the date hereof, Seller hereby sells, assigns, transfers and delivers to the Assignee, and Assignee hereby purchases and accepts, all of Seller's rights, requirements and obligations regarding the Merrimack Station NPDES Permit.
3. Assumption. Pursuant to and on the terms and subject to the condition set forth in the Purchase Agreement, effective as of 12:01 A.M. (eastern prevailing time) on the date hereof, Assignee hereby assumes and shall satisfy, perform or discharge when due all of the rights, requirements and obligations first arising from and after the Closing regarding the Merrimack Station NPDES Permit.
4. Excluded Liabilities. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement relates exclusively to the Merrimack Station NPDES Permit and Assignee is not hereby assuming any Excluded Liabilities, which shall remain the responsibility of the Seller at and following Closing.
5. Terms of the Purchase Agreement. The terms of the Purchase Agreement, including the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and indemnities relating to the Merrimack Station NPDES Permit, are incorporated herein by this reference. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and indemnities contained in the Purchase Agreement shall not be superseded hereby but shall remain in full force and effect to the full extent provided therein, and that Seller makes no representation or warranty with respect to the Merrimack Station NPDES Permit being assigned or with respect the Assumed Liabilities being assumed hereby except as expressly set forth in the Purchase Agreement.
6. Binding Effect. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
7. Governing Law. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement will be governed by, enforced under and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Hampshire,

regardless of the laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws.

8. Construction. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement is delivered pursuant to and is subject to the Purchase Agreement, including the rules of construction set forth therein. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of the Purchase Agreement and the terms hereof, the terms of the Purchase Agreement shall govern.

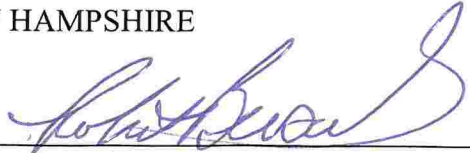
9. Counterparts; Signatures. This agreement may be executed by the Parties in counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile, PDF or other electronic transmission and shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy hereof.

*[Signature page follows.]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller and Buyer have caused this Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

**SELLER/ASSIGNOR:**

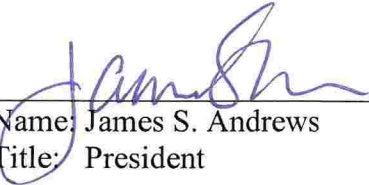
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Robert A. Bersak  
Title: Chief Regulatory Counsel  
Eversource Energy Service Company, as  
agent for Public Service Company of  
New Hampshire

**ASSIGNEE:**

GSP MERRIMACK LLC

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: James S. Andrews  
Title: President

**ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT  
REGARDING NPDES PERMIT FOR NEWINGTON STATION**

This Assignment and Assumption Agreement (the “Agreement”), dated as of January 10, 2018 is made and entered into by and between Public Service Company of New Hampshire, a New Hampshire corporation (the “**Seller**” or “**Assignor**”), and GSP Newington LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Assignee**”). For purposes of this Agreement, Assignee and Seller/Assignor are referred to herein individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties**.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement between Seller and Granite Shore Power LLC (the “**Buyer**”), dated as of October 11, 2017 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Purchase Agreement**”), (i) Seller and its affiliates have each agreed to sell, assign, transfer and deliver to Buyer or one or more of Buyer’s wholly-owned subsidiaries (the “**Buyer Subsidiaries**”), and Buyer, either itself or by one or more of Buyer Subsidiaries, has agreed to purchase and accept from Seller, all rights, title and interests of Seller or its affiliate, as applicable, in and to the Acquired Assets, all on terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, and (ii) Buyer, either itself or by one or more of Buyer Subsidiaries, has agreed to accept from Seller and to assume and agree to pay, perform and discharge the Assumed Liabilities;

WHEREAS, the Acquired Assets include electric generation facilities known as Newington Station, Merrimack Station, Schiller Station, Lost Nation Station, and White Lake Station (the “**Facilities**”);

WHEREAS, the transaction pursuant to the Purchase Agreement will involve purchase of each of those Facilities via wholly-owned subsidiaries of Buyer;

WHEREAS, in connection with operation of the Newington Station Facility, Seller holds certain Permits related to environmental matters, including the following National Pollution Discharge & Elimination System Permit (“**NPDES Permit**”) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“**EPA**”):

<b>Facility</b>	<b>NPDES Permit No.</b>
Newington Station	NH0001601

WHEREAS, the NPDES Permit associated with the Newington Station was issued on September 30, 1993, with an expiration date of October 30, 1998;

WHEREAS, Seller timely submitted a renewal application relative to the Newington Station NPDES Permit prior to its expiration, EPA has not reissued the permit, and that Permit has therefore been “administratively continued” and is in full force and effect;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Buyer and Seller must prepare all necessary filings in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement that may be required to be filed by the Parties with applicable Governmental Authorities;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Closing of the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Assignment and Assumption Agreement pursuant to which Seller's rights, requirements and obligations under the NPDES Permits will be transferred to Buyer or a Buyer Subsidiary and Buyer or such Buyer Subsidiary, as applicable, will perform and discharge the requirements and obligations under the NPDES Permits, including compliance with Permit conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

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2. Assignment. Pursuant to and on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, effective as of 12:01 A.M. (eastern prevailing time) on the date hereof, Seller hereby sells, assigns, transfers and delivers to the Assignee, and Assignee hereby purchases and accepts, all of Seller's rights, requirements and obligations regarding the Newington Station NPDES Permit.
3. Assumption. Pursuant to and on the terms and subject to the condition set forth in the Purchase Agreement, effective as of 12:01 A.M. (eastern prevailing time) on the date hereof, Assignee hereby assumes and shall satisfy, perform or discharge when due all of the rights, requirements and obligations first arising from and after the Closing regarding the Newington Station NPDES Permit.
4. Excluded Liabilities. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement relates exclusively to the Newington Station NPDES Permit and Assignee is not hereby assuming any Excluded Liabilities, which shall remain the responsibility of the Seller at and following Closing.
5. Terms of the Purchase Agreement. The terms of the Purchase Agreement, including the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and indemnities relating to the Newington Station NPDES Permit, are incorporated herein by this reference. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and indemnities contained in the Purchase Agreement shall not be superseded hereby but shall remain in full force and effect to the full extent provided therein, and that Seller makes no representation or warranty with respect to the Newington Station NPDES Permit being assigned or with respect the Assumed Liabilities being assumed hereby except as expressly set forth in the Purchase Agreement.
6. Binding Effect. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
7. Governing Law. This Assignment and Assumption Agreement will be governed by, enforced under and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Hampshire,



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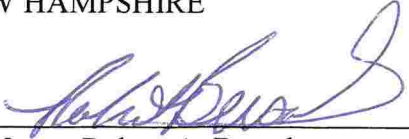
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*[Signature page follows.]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller and Assignee have caused this Assignment and Assumption Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.


**SELLER/ASSIGNOR:**

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By:   
Name: Robert A. Bersak  
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Eversource Energy Service Company, as  
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**ASSIGNEE:**

GSP NEWINGTON LLC

By:   
Name: James S. Andrews  
Title: President

**ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT  
REGARDING NPDES PERMIT FOR SCHILLER STATION**

This Assignment and Assumption Agreement (the “Agreement”), dated as of January 10, 2018 is made and entered into by and between Public Service Company of New Hampshire, a New Hampshire corporation (the “**Seller**” or “**Assignor**”), and GSP Schiller LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Assignee**”). For purposes of this Agreement, Assignee and Seller/Assignor are referred to herein individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties.**”

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement between Seller and Granite Shore Power LLC (the “**Buyer**”), dated as of October 11, 2017 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Purchase Agreement**”), (i) Seller and its affiliates have each agreed to sell, assign, transfer and deliver to Buyer or one or more of Buyer’s wholly-owned subsidiaries (the “**Buyer Subsidiaries**”), and Buyer, either itself or by one or more of Buyer Subsidiaries, has agreed to purchase and accept from Seller, all rights, title and interests of Seller or its affiliate, as applicable, in and to the Acquired Assets, all on terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, and (ii) Buyer, either itself or by one or more of Buyer Subsidiaries, has agreed to accept from Seller and to assume and agree to pay, perform and discharge the Assumed Liabilities;

WHEREAS, the Acquired Assets include electric generation facilities known as Newington Station, Merrimack Station, Schiller Station, Lost Nation Station, and White Lake Station (the “**Facilities**”);

WHEREAS, the transaction pursuant to the Purchase Agreement will involve purchase of each of those Facilities via wholly-owned subsidiaries of Buyer;

WHEREAS, in connection with operation of the Schiller Station Facility, Seller holds certain Permits related to environmental matters, including the following National Pollution Discharge & Elimination System Permit (“**NPDES Permit**”) issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“**EPA**”):

<u>Facility</u>	<u>NPDES Permit No.</u>
Schiller Station	NH0001473

WHEREAS, the NPDES Permit associated with the Schiller Station was issued on September 11, 1990, with an expiration date of October 11, 1995;

WHEREAS, Seller timely submitted a renewal application relative to the Schiller Station NPDES Permit prior to its expiration, EPA has not reissued the permit, and that Permit has therefore been “administratively continued” and is in full force and effect;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Buyer and Seller must prepare all necessary filings in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement that may be required to be filed by the Parties with applicable Governmental Authorities;

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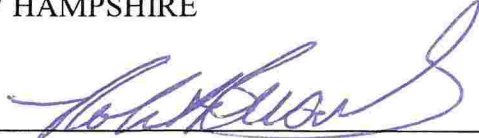
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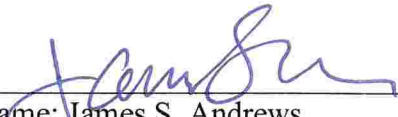
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