

Exhibit 1 (C) (1)

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE  
 Rate of Return on Common Equity  
 Cost of Capital Method  
 For the 12 Months Ended March 31, 2016  
 (Thousands of Dollars)

|                                                     | <u>Amount</u>       | <u>Capitalization Ratios</u> |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                                     | <u>5-Q Average</u>  | <u>5-Q Average</u>           |                 |
| Long-Term Debt                                      | \$ 2,694,226        | 45.58%                       |                 |
| Preferred Stock                                     | 116,906             | 1.98%                        |                 |
| Common Equity                                       | <u>3,099,251</u>    | <u>52.44%</u>                |                 |
| Total                                               | <u>\$ 5,910,383</u> | <u>100.00%</u>               |                 |
|                                                     |                     | <u>Average</u>               |                 |
|                                                     | <u>Embedded</u>     | <u>Capitalization</u>        | <u>Weighted</u> |
|                                                     | <u>Cost</u>         | <u>Ratio</u>                 | <u>Cost</u>     |
| Long-Term Debt                                      | 5.25%               | 45.58%                       | 2.39%           |
| Preferred Stock                                     | 4.80%               | 1.98%                        | <u>0.09%</u>    |
| Weighted Costs                                      |                     |                              | <u>2.48%</u>    |
| Rate of Return on Rate Base                         |                     |                              | 7.43%           |
| Less: Weighted Costs                                |                     |                              | <u>2.48%</u>    |
| Common Equity Component                             |                     |                              | 4.95%           |
| Percentage of Common Equity to Total Capitalization |                     |                              | <u>52.44%</u>   |
| Return on Common Equity                             |                     |                              | <u>9.44%</u>    |