## **News Release**

## **Eversource Energy Raises Common Dividend By 6.6%**

**HARTFORD, Conn. and BOSTON, Mass. (February 3, 2016)** – The Board of Trustees of Eversource Energy (NYSE:ES) today approved a quarterly dividend of \$0.445 per share, payable on March 31, 2016, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 2, 2016.

The March 2016 dividend represents a 6.6 percent increase over the previous quarterly dividend level.

"This increase signals the confidence we have in our future growth and underscores the return we are providing to our shareholders who each year support our significant investment in New England's electric and natural gas delivery systems. In 2015 alone, our capital investments on behalf of our customers totaled nearly \$2 billion," said Thomas J. May, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Eversource Energy.

Eversource Energy operates New England's largest energy delivery company and is committed to safety, reliability, environmental leadership and stewardship, as well as expanding energy options for approximately 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It has approximately 317 million common shares outstanding.

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