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Jenny Devost, Interim Exe. Director/Controller North Country Council 107 Glessner Road Bethlehem, NH 03574

Re: Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction of a New 230kV Tap Line in Littleton N.H.

Dear Ms. Devost:

I am writing to you in my capacity as counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. On February 10, 2014, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the siting, construction and operation of an electric transmission line identified as a 230 kV tap line (Facility). The Facility is proposed to extend from the Applicant's existing C203 transmission line to the Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) substation located at 266 Foster Hill Road in Littleton, Grafton County, New Hampshire. The Facility is located entirely in the Town of Littleton.

The Facility lies within an area that is primarily zoned rural with the northern most portion zoned as Commercial III. The Facility site comprises forested land located immediately to the west of an existing right-of-way that is currently occupied by 3 other transmission lines. The existing tap right-of-way is approximately 450 feet wide and would be widened by approximately 135 feet to accommodate the new C203 tap line and to insure proper clearances from falling trees. The Facility is an energy facility as that term is defined by RSA 162-H:2, VII (e).

If the Chairman of the Site Evaluation Committee, Thomas S. Burack, determines that the Application contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H, this matter will be scheduled for public information hearings and further proceedings consistent with the time frames set forth for energy facilities in RSA 162-H:7.

You will receive notice of all such proceedings. If the North Country Council wishes to intervene as a party in this docket, it will be necessary to file a Motion to Intervene, consistent with RSA 541-A:32 and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, SITE 202.11.

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Public comment regarding the Application may be directed to the offices of the secretary of the Site Evaluation Committee:

Jane Murray, Secretary
NH Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Dr., Box 95
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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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