

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
ORDER AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

March 13, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct a public meeting on April 7, 2014 at 6 PM. The meeting shall be held at the Littleton Opera House, 2 Union Street in Littleton, New Hampshire.

The business of the Site Evaluation Committee at said meeting shall include the following docket and any other business that is lawfully before the Committee:

Docket Number 2014-02

**Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for
Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction of a New 230kV Tap Line in Littleton,
New Hampshire**

Nature and Location of Proposed Facility

On February 10, 2014, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application). The Applicant petitions the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) in order to site, construct and operate a new 230kV tap transmission line (Facility) in the Town of Littleton, Grafton County. The Applicant proposes to construct a new 230kV tap transmission line off of the Applicant's existing C203 transmission line to the Littleton Substation, located at 266 Foster Hill Road in Littleton, New Hampshire.

The site where the Facility is proposed to be constructed is primarily zoned as Rural and the northernmost portion of the site is zoned as Commercial III. The site comprises forested land located immediately to the west of an existing right of way that is currently occupied by three other transmission lines. The existing tap right of way is approximately 450 feet wide and would be widened through tree clearing by approximately 135 feet to accommodate the new C203 tap line and to ensure proper clearances from falling trees.

The new C203 tap line is proposed to be a 230kV line spanning from the existing C203 line to the proposed bus structure inside the Littleton Substation. The Tap Line will be approximately 1160 feet (0.2 miles) in length and will consist of four wood pole transmission structures. These structures include a 35-foot, 3-pole terminal dead end structure, two H-frame suspension structures at 70 and 80-feet tall, respectively, and one guyed 80-foot H-frame dead end structure. The spacing and height of the structures will be similar to the spacing and height of the structures on the adjacent D204 tap line. The conductor (795 ACSR "Drake" model) will span the structures in three phases beginning with the three-pole terminal dead end structure and ending at the bus. Two 3/8" seven-strand extra-high strength ("EHS") steel shield wires will

begin at the second tap structure and will terminate at the substation bus. Project Plans are included in the Application as Appendix K.

The purpose of the Facility is to provide power to a second autotransformer in the Littleton Substation that PSNH will install in order to address the reliability needs for the New Hampshire and Vermont areas that have been identified by ISO-NE.

The Application, appendices and attachments, including pre-filed testimony of Patrick Quigley and Peter Walker, are available for review at the office of the Chairman of the Committee located at:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
Concord N.H. 03301

or at the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

Purpose of the Hearing

The purpose of the public hearing may be two-fold. At the hearing the Committee shall first review the Application and determine whether the Application is complete and contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H.

If the Committee finds the Application to be complete and accepts the application the Committee, shall thereupon hold a Public Information Hearing as required by RSA 162-H: 7, VI-a and 162-H:10, I. At the Public Information Hearing the Applicant will present information about the proposed Facility to the Committee and to the public. In addition the public will be permitted to ask questions of the Applicant and to make public comments about the Application or the proposed Facility.

Authority for Hearing

The statutory authority for the Committee to review the Application to determine whether it contains sufficient information to satisfy the purposes of RSA 162-H is set forth at RSA 162-H: 7, III. The statutory authority to hold a public information hearing is set forth at RSA 162-H: 7, VI-a and RSA 162-H: 10.

Intervention

A person demonstrating that his or her rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests might be affected by this proceeding may file a petition to intervene. Any person seeking to intervene in the proceedings in this docket must file a motion to intervene that complies with RSA 541-A: 32 and NEW HAMPSHIRE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Site 202.11. All motions to intervene must be filed with the Secretary to the Committee by April 18, 2014.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the state of New Hampshire, will meet in public session for consideration of matters pending in the above referenced docket on **April 7, 2014 at 6 PM at the Littleton Opera House, 2 Union Street in Littleton, New Hampshire;**

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid shall cause a copy of this Order and Notice of public meeting to be published no later than March 24, 2014, in the New Hampshire Union Leader or New Hampshire Sunday News which are newspapers of regular statewide circulation. New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid shall be responsible for the cost of said publication;

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid shall cause a copy of this Order and Notice of public meeting to be published in an additional newspaper of regular circulation in Grafton County on or before March 24, 2014. In addition, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid shall publish a display ad in said newspaper advising the public of the date, time, place, and subject matter of the public meeting in Docket Number 2014-02 on or before March 24, 2014. New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid shall be responsible for the cost of said publication and advertisement; and,

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid shall file affidavits documenting the required publications of this Order and Notice on or before April 4, 2014.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this 13th day of March, 2014.



Thomas S. Burack
Chairman and Presiding Officer
NH Site Evaluation Committee