

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

**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**

**June 6, 2014**

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

**I. The Application**

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 line (Facility) in the Town of Littleton, Grafton County. The Applicant proposes to construct a new 230kV tap 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 Application was accepted by the Committee on April 25, 2014. A pre-hearing conference was held on May 9, 2014. A Procedural Order was issued on May 15, 2014.

**II. Nature and Location of the Facility and Ancillary Facilities.**

The site where the Facility is proposed to be constructed is primarily zoned Rural with the northernmost portion of the site 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 with the Application as Appendix K.

### **III. Parties to the Adjudicative Proceedings.**

The parties to the adjudicative proceedings are: the Applicant, New England Power Company d/b/a national Grid (Applicant) and the public. The public will be represented in these proceedings by duly appointed Counsel for the Public, Lauren J. Noether, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

### **IV. Public Comment.**

The Subcommittee shall reserve time on June 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. to hear oral comments from the public pertaining to the Application and the proposed Facility. Written public comments may be filed with the Subcommittee until the close of the proceedings. Written public

comments should be mailed to Jane Murray, Secretary to the Committee, Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302.

**V. Time, Date and Place: Commencement of Adjudicatory Proceedings.**

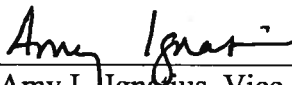
The proceedings shall commence on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire for the purpose of taking oral comment. At 9:30 a.m. the adjudicatory hearing shall commence and shall continue each day thereafter at such times and places as determined by the Chair of the Subcommittee. In addition, the hearing may be recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby:**

**ORDERED:** That the duly designated Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall hold a public hearing on June 26, 2014, commencing at 9:00 a.m. for oral comment and an adjudicatory hearing commencing at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire and each day thereafter at such further times and places as the Chairperson of the Subcommittee may announce.

**FURTHER ORDERED:** That a copy of this Order and Notice of Public Adjudicative Proceedings shall be served on each of the parties.

So ordered this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014 by the Site Evaluation Committee.

  
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Amy L. Ignatius, Vice Chairman  
Presiding Officer