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VIA EMAIL AND USPS EXPRESS DELIVERY

Ms. Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-04
Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a
Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction
of New Transmission Line (Madbury to Portsmouth)**

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter an original and one copy of the Petition to Intervene of Durham Historic Association.

Copies of this filing have been sent via email to all parties on the SEC Distribution List.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy P. Sandberg
Curator

Encl.
cc: SEC Distribution List Docket 2015-04

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-04

Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for
Construction of New 115 kV Transmission Line (Madbury to Portsmouth)

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

Durham Historic Association ("DHA"), pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Administrative Rules Site 202.11, respectfully petitions for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding before the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"). In support of this petition, DHA states as follows:

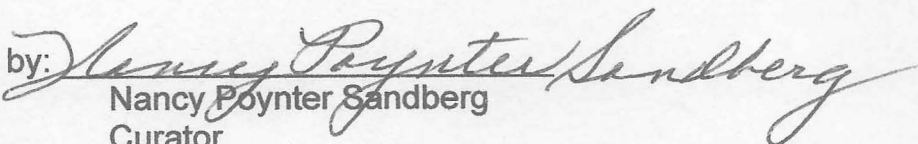
1. On April 12, 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy submitted an application for a certificate of site and facility for the proposed construction of a new 115kV transmission line from Madbury substation to Portsmouth substation. The SEC accepted the application by order dated June 13, 2016.
2. DHA is a non-profit, member supported educational research organization and museum dedicated to the preservation of memory and artifacts connected with the history of Oyster River Plantation and the Town of Durham. As guardian of Durham's past, DHA informs and educates residents and others of the history of the town and how contemporary Durham developed over nearly 400 years of recorded history.
3. Consistent with its mission to understand and inform others of Durham history, DHA holds archives, maps, manuscripts and genealogies. DHA is the storehouse of local knowledge. Town and County histories published more than a century ago refer to people and locales by names long forgotten. Interpretation of histories and other records requires thorough knowledge of local place names and local genealogies. DHA is the only accurate and adequate source of historical knowledge specific to Durham.

4. Intervention before the SEC is supported by "facts demonstrating that the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests might be affected." Site 202.11(b) (2). DHA and its members have a substantial interest in this proceeding, including but not limited to the impacts of the proposed project on historical structures, above ground and below ground, within the Eversource easement and adjacent to the Eversource easement, as DHA and DHA members will be directly affected by its outcome. DHA participation will be in the interests of justice and will aid the SEC's decision-making.
5. DHA's expert participation will enhance the SEC's thorough review of the project application. DHA intends to submit evidence of the adverse effects of the proposed project on historic resources, including but not limited to human burial sites, cellars, mill sites, farm structures, drift ways, wells, stone culverts, historic houses and archaeological sites in the Town of Durham and whether those effects can be avoided.
6. DHA seeks full intervenor status and appreciates the opportunity this proceeding provides to offer useful and specific analysis of the impacts of the proposed project.
7. DHA's participation will neither delay nor disrupt the current proceedings.

Therefore, Durham Historic Association respectfully requests that the Site Evaluation Committee grant its petition to intervene in Docket No. 2015-04

Respectfully submitted,

DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

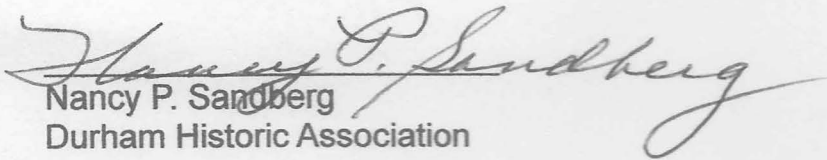
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene has on this 16th November 2016 been sent by email to the service list in Docket No. 2015-04.


Nancy P. Sandberg
Durham Historic Association