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RE: NH Site Evaluation Docket # 2015-05  
Merrimack Valley Reliability Project (MRVP)  
Joint Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and  
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a  
Certificate of Site and Facility

Dear Ms. Ross,

I hereby petition the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to grant me full intervention status (*pro se*) in the proceedings for the above mentioned docket, pursuant to the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.11 and RSA 541-A:32.

I hereby request that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee grant me this intervention status for the following reasons demonstrating the rights, duties, privileges and other substantial interests that would be affected by these proceedings.

Eversource and National Grid currently own four sets of transmission lines and towers, collectively that transverse the road on which I reside. Two of these lines, owned by Eversource, abut my property line at the rear of my property. The proposed additional line requested in this docket would also transverse the road I reside on. One of the existing transmission towers is currently visible from my property. At least one of the new towers with this project will be visible from my property as well. I currently walk on the road, under the existing transmission lines regularly, and would have to walk under the proposed lines as well as drive under them daily.

- The aesthetics of my neighborhood, value of my home and public health would be greatly decreased with this project.
  - The Northeast Energy Direct (NED) natural gas pipeline project proposed by Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline is proposed to be constructed in the same exact ROW that the MVRP is proposed to be constructed in.

- These projects are proposed to occur consecutively. The MVRP is proposed to occur in the fourth quarter of 2016 and the NED pipeline project is proposed to be constructed in the first quarter of 2017.
- Once the MVRP is complete, there will be NO room in the existing utility ROW. The NED pipeline project would have to be placed under or among the high voltage transmission lines or on the property of the direct abutting two homes, requiring these homes to be completely removed.
- The environment would not endure the two consecutive construction projects without negative changes in the wild life and natural habitats in the utility ROW and surrounding area.
- Although the construction of the MVRP will occur in an existing utility ROW, a significant amount of trees will have to be removed.
- The amount of trees that this project proposes to remove will grossly affect the aesthetics, the public health and a large area of the environment a large distance from the proposed project site of the new line.
- Trees naturally remove carbon in the environment. The removal of such a volume of trees will increase the CARBON FOOTPRINT for the area.
- Trees also help to weaken the strength of the electric magnetic fields. The added electric magnetic field with the proposed new transmission line along with such a large volume of trees removed from the area would cause criminally negligent damage to the public health of a large distance from the proposed project site.
- The addition of a fifth high voltage transmission line would increase the continued, existing exposure to the health risks associated with such high voltage transmission lines for such a large area.

No other individual could articulate my interests and concerns in the proceedings for this docket as well as I.

For these reasons, I ask that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation grant me full intervention status as requested.

I have served copies of this petition to the legally pertinent parties.

Respectfully,

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