

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New High Voltage Transmission Line in New Hampshire

Docket No. 2015-06

**Town of Canterbury's Petition to Intervene**

The Town of Canterbury, by and through its Town Administrator, duly authorized, petitions the Site Evaluation Committee to allow it to intervene in the above-captioned matter in accordance with RSA 541-A:32 and NH Admin. Rule Site 202.11, stating as follows:

1. On October 19, 2015, Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Applicants") filed an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility with the Site Evaluation Committee. A portion of the proposed facility will be located in the Town of Canterbury

2. The Town of Canterbury has an interest in the proposed facility because it is projected to cross through significant portions of the Town of Canterbury; there are 5.9 miles of the proposed project that passes through The Town of Canterbury. In addition to new overhead lines throughout that 5.9 mile area, there are estimated to be 71 new structures and the majority of those new structures are proposed to be between 85' to 100' in height. The Town is concerned about the impact that the project will have on the Town's character and property values as a result of the overhead lines and supporting structures. The visual and audio impacts of transmission lines and large structures are also of particular worry. The Town of Canterbury is rural in nature and encourages the preservation of open land and conservation.

The Town of Canterbury is home to the historic Canterbury Shaker Village and several working agricultural farms. The proposed transmission lines will cross two major entry points to the Town of Canterbury and will also impact town owned property and residents along the Right of Way. In order to reduce the project's impacts, the burial of the lines within the Town of Canterbury needs to be thoroughly explored.

3. On January 4, 2016 the Canterbury Board of Selectmen directed the Town Administrator to file for intervener status with the Site Evaluation Committee.

4. RSA 541-A:32 and NH Admin. Rule Site 202.11 provide that the Site Evaluation Committee, or its presiding officer, shall grant a petition for intervention if:

- (1) The petition is submitted in writing to the presiding officer, with copies mailed to all parties named in the presiding officer's order of notice of the hearing, at least 3 days before the hearing;
- (2) The petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests might be affected by the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervener under any provision of law; and
- (3) The presiding officer determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

5. As discussed herein, the proposed facility will impact the rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other substantial interests of the Town of Canterbury. The interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Canterbury respectfully requests that the Site Evaluation Committee:

- A. Grant the Town of Canterbury's Petition to Intervene; and
- B. Grant such other and further relief as may be just.

Respectfully Submitted,

Town of Canterbury, NH

Date: January 27, 2016

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was sent to parties listed on the electronic Service List for this docket.

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

  
Administrator, Town of Canterbury