

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-06

**Re: 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**

December 22, 2015

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On October 19, 2015, Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively Applicant), filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee). The Applicant seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction, and operation of a 192-mile transmission line and associated facilities with a capacity rating of up to 1,090 MW from the Canadian border in Pittsburg in Coos County to Deerfield in Rockingham County (Project).

On November 2, 2015, pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chairman of the Committee appointed a subcommittee in this docket (Subcommittee).

On December 18, 2015, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H. The purpose of this Order is to set forth a procedural schedule so that this docket may proceed in accordance with the requirements of RSA 162-H.

Public Information Session

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-a, the Applicant is required to hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. The public information sessions in this docket are scheduled for:

When: **January 11, 2016**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Franklin Opera House
316 Central Street
Franklin, NH
(Merrimack County)

When: **January 13, 2016**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Londonderry High School
295 Mammoth Road
Londonderry, NH
(Rockingham County)

When: **January 14, 2016**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Lake Opechee Inn and Spa
62 Doris Ray Court
Laconia, NH
(Belknap County)

When: **January 20, 2016**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa
101 Mountain View Road
Whitefield, NH
(Coos County)

When: **January 21, 2016**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: The Mountain Club on Loon Resort and Spa
90 Loon Mountain Road
Lincoln, NH
(Grafton County)

A formal order of notice for publication shall be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I-a.

Counsel to the Subcommittee, Michael J. Iacopino, is designated to preside as presiding officer of the public information sessions.

At the public information session, the Applicant shall present information regarding the project and provide an opportunity for questions and comments from the public. The presiding officer shall explain to the public the process the Subcommittee will use to review the Application.

Public Hearing

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-c, the Subcommittee is required to hold at least one public hearing in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. While the schedule for these public hearings is still being finalized, the Subcommittee is tentatively planning on holding these hearings in Colebrook (Coos County), Waterville Valley (Grafton County), New Hampton (Belknap County), Concord (Merrimack County), and Deerfield (Rockingham County).

A formal order of notice for publication will be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I-c.

The public hearing is a joint hearing, with representatives of state agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all

initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to environmental impact. The public hearing will also provide the public with information on the proposed Project, and an opportunity for the public to submit comments and ask questions of the Applicant and the Subcommittee.

Motions to Intervene

Any person seeking to intervene as a party in this docket shall file a motion to intervene on or before the close of business on **February 5, 2016**. Motions to intervene must comply with requirements of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Site 202.11 and RSA 541-A: 32. Previously filed motions to intervene need not be re-filed. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed by the close of business on **February 26, 2016**. Motions and objections may be sent via first-class mail or e-mail to:

Pamela Monroe, Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301
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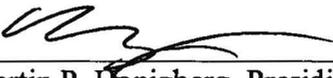
Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on **March 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, and **if needed**, on **March 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N.H. 03301. A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss the issues including, but not limited to: the conduct of discovery and technical sessions; offers of settlement or agreement on any issue; methods to simplify the issues in dispute; stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof by consent of the parties; changes to standard procedures by consent of the parties; limitations on the number of witnesses or scope of discovery; consolidation of witnesses; the filing of the

testimony of witnesses; and any other matter that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

The Applicant, Counsel for the Public, intervenors and all other parties shall attend the prehearing conference. To the extent that motions to intervene have not been ruled on, the parties seeking intervention shall attend the prehearing conference.

SO ORDERED this twenty-second day of December, 2015:



Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee