

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-06

**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**

August 2, 2016

**ORDER ON MOTIONS TO EXTEND DEADLINES
FOR FILING A MOTION TO COMPEL**

This Order grants: (i) the Partially Assented Protective Motion of the Ashland to Deerfield Non-Abutters to Extend Deadline; (ii) the Partially Assented Motion of the Deerfield Abutters Intervenor Group to Extend Deadline; (iii) the Partially Assented-To Motion of the Clarksville-Stewartstown Non-Abutters to Extend Deadline, all of which were filed on July 25, 2016; and (iv) the Partially Assented –To Motion of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (Forest Society) to Extend Deadline for All Intervenors, filed on July 29, 2016.

I. Background

On October 19, 2015, Northern Pass Transmission, LLC, and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, the Applicant) submitted an Application to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee for a Certificate of Site and Facility to construct a 192 mile transmission line. The transmission line is proposed to have a capacity rating of up to 1,090 MW and is to run through New Hampshire from the Canadian border in Pittsburg to Deerfield.

On June 23, 2016, a procedural order was issued in this docket. Pursuant to the procedural order, the Applicant was required to respond to data requests propounded by certain intervenor groups on or before July 8, or July 15, 2016. The Applicant filed timely responses and

objected to some of the data requests propounded by the Deerfield Abutters, the Ashland to Deerfield Non-Abutters, and the Clarksville-Stewartstown Non-Abutters. The New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.12(k)(2), provides that any motion to compel a response to a data request must be filed within 10 days of receiving the response or objection. For the moving parties, the deadline would have been July 25, 2016. The Deerfield Abutters and the Ashland to Deerfield Non-Abutters request that the Subcommittee extend the deadline for filing motions to compel to August 8, 2016. The Clarksville-Stewartstown Non-Abutters request that the Subcommittee extend the deadline for filing motions to compel to August 15, 2016. The Applicant assents to the extension of the deadline for the filing of motions to compel to August 8, but not August 15, 2016.

On July 18, 2016, the Forest Society filed a Partially Assented to Motion to Extend Deadline on behalf of itself and various other intervenors. On July 21, 2016, the Forest Society's motion to extend the deadline to compel from July 18 to August 1, 2016, was granted.

On July 27, 2016, the Applicant submitted a letter stating that it agreed to further extensions with respect to the July 25 and August 1, 2016, deadlines to file motions to compel, in order to permit sufficient time to resolve disputes informally consistent with Site 202.12 (k)(4), and that the Applicants would work with other parties to memorialize this agreement in the form of a suitable motion or stipulation for filing with the Committee.

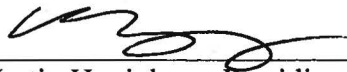
On July 29, 2016, the Forest Society requested on behalf of itself and all intervenors that the Subcommittee extend the deadline for filing motions to compel to August 15, 2016. Consistent with its July 27, 2016 letter, the Applicants concurred with the request.

II. Analysis

The request to extend the deadline for filing of motions to compel to August 15, 2016, for all the intervenors is reasonable. Granting the requests will assist the parties in informally resolving discovery matters and completing discovery in a prompt and orderly manner.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Deerfield Abutters, the Ashland to Deerfield Non-Abutters, the Clarksville-Stewartstown Non-Abutters, the Forest Society, and all other intervenors and intervenor groups, are hereby granted an extension until Monday, August 15, 2016, to file any motions to compel that may be necessary with respect to data requests to which the Applicant responded on or before July 15, 2016.

SO ORDERED this second day of August, 2016



Martin Honigberg, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee