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May 18, 2016

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Division of Administrative Rules
State House Annex, Room 219
25 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: Rulemaking Notice
Site 102, Definitions
SEC Docket No. 2016-01**

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Please find enclosed for publication in the Rulemaking Register an Appendix II-C, Rulemaking Notice Form. A copy of the initial proposal as approved by the Site Evaluation Committee and the Fiscal Impact Statement are also attached. The rules apply to the siting of high pressure gas pipelines and are proposed pursuant to authority set forth in RSA 162-H:10-b.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Pamela Monroe, Administrator, as the contact person for the Committee. She can be reached at 271-2435 or via e-mail at pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Honigberg".

Martin P. Honigberg
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RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____

Rule Number _____

Site **102.121, 102.161,
102.221**

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
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2. RSA Authority:

**RSA 162-H:10,VI; RSA
162-H:10-b,III; RSA 541-
A:16,I(a)**

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption **X**

Amendment _____

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment _____

5. Short Title: **High Pressure Natural Gas Pipeline Definitions**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) is proposing to adopt definitions of “blowdown event” in Site 102.121, “compressor station” in Site 102.161, and “high pressure gas pipeline” in Site 102.221. These definitions are being proposed together with amendments to Site 301 in another rulemaking proceeding to implement RSA 162-H:10-b,II, which requires the SEC to adopt rules relative to the siting of high pressure gas pipelines.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The definitions, because they relate to the amendments to Site 301, will affect applicants for certificates to site high pressure natural gas pipelines and associated facilities, such as compressor stations.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Proposed Rule	Statute
Site 102.121, 102.161, 102.221	RSA 162-H:7,IV and V; RSA 162-H:10,VI ; RSA 162-H:10-b,II

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **June 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

Fax

E-mail

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **June 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

Place: **NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 16:089 , dated May 12, 2016

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire. They therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution by necessitating additional local expenditures by a political subdivision.

Adopt Site 102.121, 102.161, and 102.221 to read as follows:

CHAPTER Site 100 ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

PART Site 102 DEFINITIONS

Site 102.121 "Blowdown event" means the automatic or manual venting of natural gas from a compressor or a section of pipeline taken off-line for maintenance or shutdown due to an emergency.

Site 102.161 "Compressor station" means a facility that mechanically re-pressurizes natural gas to keep the natural gas flowing continuously in a pipeline at a desired flow rate.

Site 102.221 "High pressure gas pipeline" means a transmission pipeline that transports natural gas or other flammable gases to and from compressor stations, to a distribution center, to a storage center, or to a large industrial customer, at a pressure greater than required to operate a distribution pipeline.

APPENDIX

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