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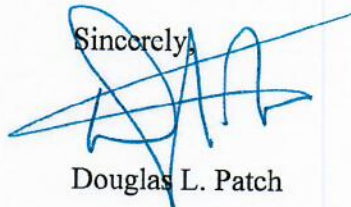
Re: SEC Docket No. 2021-05, New Hampshire Transmission, LLC, Seabrook Capacitor Bank Project – Response to Request for Information regarding Cap Banks Project

Dear Presiding Officer Barnsley:

Enclosed on behalf of New Hampshire Transmission, LLC (“NHT”), Petitioner in the above-captioned docket, please find a response to the questions regarding this Project which were submitted by a Thomas Costello to the Site Evaluation Committee Administrator and forwarded to us on Monday July 18, 2022. A copy of that email and NHT’s response to the questions are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Patch

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cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket No. 2021-05
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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2021-05

**APPLICATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSMISSION, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY**

**New Hampshire Transmission, LLC'S Response
to Information Request from Thomas Costello**

Information Request:

From July 15, 2022 email from Thomas Costello to the Site Evaluation Committee Administrator, received by New Hampshire Transmission, LLC (NHT) on July 18, 2022:

As an abutter to transmission lines that have and will be impacted by this project, as well as a New Hampshire ratepayer, I'm respectfully requesting answers to the following questions:

- (a) What's the purpose and need of the "sizable" upgrades and additions proposed within this docket?
- (b) Are these the upgrades ISO-NE is requesting be made to accommodate the New England Clean Energy Connect or are those "sizable" upgrades separate from this docket?
- (c) Any help understanding the purpose and need of a project like this, that will have such a significant and considerable impact on the transmission lines 50 ft from my house and the environment, would be greatly appreciated.

Date of Request: July 15, 2022 **Date of Response:** July 20, 2022

Response:

- a. The Seabrook Capacitor Banks Project (Project) is part of the preferred solution to the reliability criteria violations identified by ISO-NE in its 2029 New Hampshire Solution Study. As such, the Project will improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid. NHT contends, based on prior decisions of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, that the Project is not a "sizeable addition" as that term is used in New Hampshire law and as it has been applied to similar projects.
- b. No, the upgrades were not requested to accommodate the New England Clean Energy Connect and are not related in any way to that project. As noted above,

this Project was selected as part of the preferred solution to the reliability criteria violations identified by ISO-NE in its 2029 New Hampshire Solution Study. This Project will help resolve the transmission issues identified by ISO-NE in this area.

- c. The Project will not have an impact on the transmission lines adjacent to Mr. Costello's property, which NHT understands to be located in Hampton, New Hampshire, approximately 4.5 miles from the Project site, nor will it have any adverse noise, visual or other impact on any surrounding residential areas. The Project will not change any existing transmission lines other than constructing a tie-in to the transmission lines that are currently located at the Project site adjacent to Seabrook Station. The Project is sited to ensure there will be no unreasonable adverse environmental effects and is within a previously developed area within the Seabrook Station Site as shown in Figure C.1 of the Site Evaluation Committee application, over 1,000 feet from the nearest public area. Furthermore, the Project will provide benefits as a project identified by ISO-NE as needed for the reliability of the transmission grid.

Witness: Erika St. Pierre

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