

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

SEC DOCKET NO. 2021-05

**NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSMISSION, LLC
SEABROOK CAPACITOR BANKS PROJECT**

**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF ERIKA ST PIERRE AND
HEATHER STORLAZZI WARD ON BEHALF OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSMISSION, LLC**

July 13, 2022

1 **Qualifications of Erika St. Pierre**

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Erika St. Pierre. My business address is TRC, 249 Western Avenue,
4 Augusta, Maine 04330.

5 **Q. Who is your current employer and what position do you hold?**

6 A. I am employed by TRC as an Environmental Scientist.

7 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities at TRC, including those that relate to**
8 **the Seabrook Capacitor Bank Project that is the subject of this docket.**

9 A. My responsibilities include project management, evaluating project permitting
10 needs, and consultation with state and federal agencies. Additionally, I prepare permit
11 applications and perform compliance reporting.

12 New Hampshire Transmission, LLC (“NHT”) has retained TRC to provide
13 project management and permitting support for the Seabrook Capacitor Banks Project
14 (the “Project”). I have reviewed all the surveys and studies for the Project while

1 preparing the application that was submitted to the Site Evaluation Committee. As the
2 result of these activities, I am very familiar with the Project.

3 **Q. What is your background and what are your qualifications?**

4 A. I have a B.S. Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University
5 of Maine. I have worked in the environmental and/or engineering fields for over 14 years
6 in a wide variety of capacities. My CV is attached to this testimony and is labeled
7 Attachment ESP-1.

8 **Q. Have you previously testified before this Committee and/or any other
9 permitting agencies?**

10 A. I have not testified before this Committee or other permitting agencies.

11 **Qualifications of Heather Storlazzi Ward**

12 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

13 A. My name is Heather Storlazzi Ward. My business address is TRC, 6 Ashley
14 Drive, Scarborough, Maine 04074.

15 **Q. Who is your current employer and what position do you hold?**

16 A. I am employed by TRC as a Senior Scientist/Project Manager.

17 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities at TRC including those that relate to the
18 Seabrook Capacitor Banks Project that is the subject of this docket.**

19 A. My primary responsibilities at TRC include project management, permitting
20 services and support, scoping field studies and permitting needs, agency consultation and
21 permit compliance. I also prepare permit applications and reports and conduct fieldwork
22 as a wetland scientist and compliance monitor and environmental inspector during the
23 construction phase.

1 In conjunction with TRC, I have served as a Permitting Specialist for the
2 Seabrook Capacitor Banks Project. As a wetland scientist licensed by the State of New
3 Hampshire Joint Board of Licensure (#206), I conducted the wetland and waterbody
4 delineation and have reviewed all the surveys and studies for the Project related to natural
5 resources. I have worked on wetland and shoreland permitting for the Project. I
6 participated in the pre-application public information session. As a result of these
7 activities, I am very familiar with the Project.

8 **Q. What is your background and what are your qualifications?**

9 A. I graduated from the University of Maine in Orono, with a BS degree in
10 Natural Resources, minor in Natural History and Ecology. I have been working in the
11 environmental field for nearly 20 years. For the past several years, I have been working
12 as an Environmental Project Manager and have experience permitting and managing
13 various types of projects. I was certified as a wetland scientist in July 2000 through the
14 New Hampshire Joint Board of Licensure and Certification. I have conducted wetland and
15 vernal pool surveys and assessments on electric transmission line projects such as the Central
16 Maine Power Company Maine Power Reliability Project and the New England Clean Energy
17 Connect, among others. Additionally, my work experience in the past several years has
18 focused on project management, permitting services, and project compliance for a variety
19 of projects. My CV is attached to this testimony and is labeled Attachment HS-1.

20 **Q. Have you previously testified before this Committee and/or any other**
21 **permitting agencies?**

22 A. I have not testified before this Committee, or other permitting agencies, but I have
23 presented testimony in a civil court case regarding property line disputes.

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1 **Purpose of Testimony**

2 **Q. What is the purpose of your joint testimony?**

3 A. The purpose of our testimony is to adopt the pre-filed testimony of Dana Valleau
4 submitted in this docket on April 1, 2022. Mr. Valleau is leaving TRC and he will not be
5 available for the public hearing.

6 **Q. Do you have any changes you would like to make to Mr. Valleau's pre-filed
7 testimony?**

8 A. We adopt Mr. Valleau's testimony in its entirety.

9 **Conclusion**

10 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

11 A. Yes, this concludes our testimony at this time.

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