

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

(Docket No. SEC 96-01)
(Docket No. SEC 96-03)

ORDER

Amended Application of Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), for an Energy Facility Certificate to construct, operate and maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline, consisting of approximately 78.6 miles of 24 inch outside diameter pipeline extending from Pittsburg, New Hampshire across northern New Hampshire to Shelburne, New Hampshire, along with a lateral extending 0.7 mile to Groveton, New Hampshire (PNGTS project)

and Amended application of PNGTS and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (M&N) to construct, operate and maintain 31.3 miles of 30 inch outside diameter pipeline between Newington, New Hampshire and Plaistow, New Hampshire, along with two laterals, one extending 1.1 mile to Newington, New Hampshire, and the second extending 0.6 mile to Haverhill, MA. (Joint Facilities)

CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY

Upon Consideration of the foregoing report, which contains the findings of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee, and attachments from the Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, the Public Utilities Commission, and Pease Development Authority, all of which are made part of this order, it is

ORDERED, that the proposed Energy Facility is of sufficient character and environmental impact to require a Certificate of Site and Facility; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the requisite good cause exists to permit issuance of this Certificate of Energy Facility to permit construction of the proposed northern and southern natural gas transmission systems; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Certificate of Energy Facility be, and hereby is, granted pursuant to RSA Chapter 162-H to Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), to construct, operate and maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline approximately 78.6 miles of 24 inch outside diameter pipeline extending from the Pittsburg, New Hampshire across northern New Hampshire to Shelburne, New Hampshire, along with a lateral that extends 0.7 mile to Groveton, New Hampshire (PNGTS project)

and, pursuant to the amended application of PNGTS and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (M&N) to construct and operate 31.3 miles of 30 inch outside diameter mainline between Newington, New Hampshire and Plaistow, New Hampshire, along with two laterals, one extending 0.4 mile to Newington, New Hampshire, and the second extending 0.6 mile to Haverhill, MA, and associated ancillary facilities (Joint Facilities). The certificate is for the transportation of natural gas only; and it is

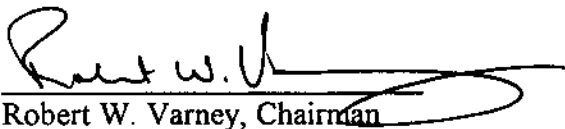
FURTHER ORDERED, that all licenses and/or permits referred to in the foregoing Report and attached findings of the Site Evaluation Committee, including the permits issued by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, under RSA Chapter 482-A, and Chapter 485-A, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation under RSA Chapter 231, the Office of State Planning, and the Public Utilities Commission under RSA Chapter 371, are granted, with the conditions attached hereto and pursuant to RSA-162-H:16, VII and VIII. All conditions imposed by the Committee in its Decision, the DES, the NHPUC and the Pease Development Authority and all state standards and requirements shall be met by the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System and the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., as a condition of granting this Certificate of Site and Facility; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to RSA 162-H:3, III, the Committee delegates to the NHPUC authority to inspect and monitor the safety aspects of construction of the pipeline; and it is

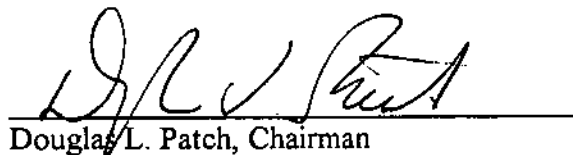
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to RSA 162-H:3, III, the Committee delegates to DES authority to inspect and monitor the environmental aspects of construction of the pipeline as authorized under this certificate. In addition, pursuant to RSA 162-H:3, III-a, as amended June 20, 1997, the Committee delegates to DES, including the NHDES EI specified in the final DES conditions, authority to specify the use of any technique, methodology, practice or procedure specified in the final DES conditions, and authority to specify minor changes in the route alignment in connection with the nonsurveyed and partially surveyed segments of the pipeline listed in condition #9 of the final DES conditions; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, V, the Committee authorizes DES and the PUC to assess the applicants for the reasonable cost of their inspections, including the NHDES EI inspections.

By Order of the Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Committee of New Hampshire this 16th day of July, 1997.



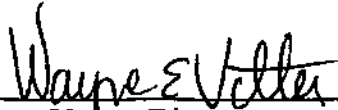
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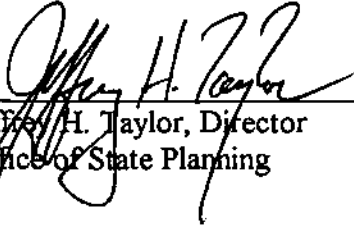
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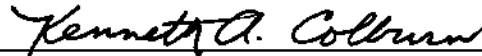
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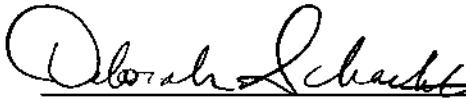
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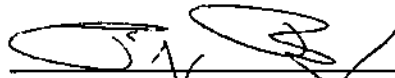
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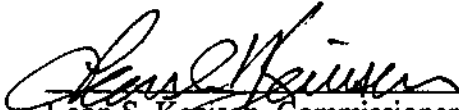
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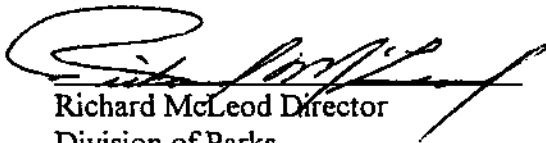
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