

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SEC DOCKET NO. 01-01

Sprague Energy Corporation

Application for Exemption - Sprague Pipeline

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application of Sprague Energy Corporation (Sprague) for an exemption from the requirements of RSA 162-H pertaining to the proposed siting, construction, installation and operation of a six inch inside-diameter fuel transfer pipeline to supply low sulfur diesel fuel, as a back up source of fuel, to the 525 megawatt Newington Power Facility being constructed by Newington Energy, L.L.C. in Newington, County of Rockingham, New Hampshire.

The Application seeks exemption from the certification process set forth at RSA 162-H. Copies of the complete Application may be viewed at the offices of the Department of Environmental Services, 6 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire or at the Town Offices in Newington, New Hampshire.

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:4, IV, Sprague has filed an Application for Exemption from the requirements of RSA 162-H for the siting, construction, installation, maintenance and operation of a six inch inside-diameter fuel transfer pipeline to supply low sulfur diesel fuel, as a back up source of fuel, to the 525 megawatt Newington Power Facility being constructed by Newington Energy, L.L.C. (NEL), in Newington, County of Rockingham, New Hampshire. The proposed pipeline, if approved, will be built from two existing aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) located at Sprague's existing facility in Newington, N.H., and will traverse aboveground on Sprague property for approximately 1,120 feet and underground for approximately 700 feet to River Road. The pipeline is then proposed to run underground and parallel to River Road and along the northeast side of a proposed Industrial Corridor Road (ICR) for approximately 4,600 feet until it diverges and terminates at the NEL AST.

WHEREAS, Sprague seeks exemption from the statutory certification process set forth at RSA 162-H:1, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, RSA 162-H:4, IV, requires the Site Evaluation Committee to consider whether the response from the public to the Application indicates that the objectives of RSA 162-H:1, can be met through the individual review processes of individual state agencies;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a public informational hearing will be held at the following date, time and location:

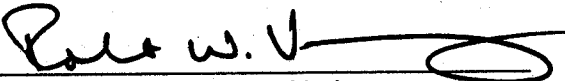
DATE: May 15, 2001
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Newington Town Hall
205 Nimble Hill Road
Newington, N.H.

At the public informational hearing the Applicant shall present information concerning the proposal and any member of the public will be permitted to ask questions or comment upon the Application. The public may view copies of the Application which are on file with the Site Evaluation Committee and at the Newington Town Offices.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Sprague Energy Corporation shall cause a copy of this Order of Notice to be published, no later than April 26, 2001, in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in Rockingham County. The Applicant shall file an affidavit documenting publication on or before May 10, 2001.

By **ORDER** of the Site Evaluation Committee, this 17th day of April, 2000.

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By Robert W. Varney, Chairman