

June 29, 2016

Pamela Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee – Docket No. 2015-04
Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
("Eversource") for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New
115 kV Transmission Line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation**

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy has submitted an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility in connection with the proposed construction of an approximately 12.9-mile 115 kV transmission line from Madbury Substation in Madbury, New Hampshire to Portsmouth Substation in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In connection with that application, and in accordance with the Order dated June 23, 2016, I enclose copies of the Notices of Public Hearings scheduled to take place July 14, 2016 and July 21, 2016 in Durham and Newington. I also attach my Affidavit attesting to the publication of the notices.

If you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Barry Needleman

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

SEC DOCKET NO. 2015-04

**APPLICATION OF
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY**

AFFIDAVIT OF BARRY NEEDLEMAN

I, Barry Needleman, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Director at McLane Middleton, Professional Association, which represents Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy in the above-captioned matter.
2. Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) proposes to construct an approximately 12.9-mile 115 kV transmission line from Madbury Substation in Madbury, New Hampshire to Portsmouth Substation in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
3. RSA 162-H:10 requires that Eversource, as an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility, hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility will be located within 45 days after acceptance of its Application by the Site Evaluation Committee.
4. By Order dated June 23, 2016, Eversource is required to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Information Session to be published in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in Strafford and Rockingham Counties no later than June 30, 2016 and July 7, 2016, respectively.

5. The Order further requires Eversource to provide affidavits documenting the required publication of the Order and Notice as well as a copy of the published public notice to the Site Evaluation Committee Administrator no later than July 5, 2016 and July 11, 2016, respectively.

6. Pursuant to the Order, a Notice of Public Information Session for Strafford County and Rockingham County was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on June 27, 2016, a newspaper of regular circulation in each County, which meets the July 5, 2016 and July 11, 2016 deadlines.

7. A copy of the Notice of Public Information Session is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

6/29/16
Date

[Signature]
Barry Needleman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared before me this 29th day of June, 2016, the above-described Barry Needleman, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires: _____



EXHIBIT A

Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
DOCKET NO. 2015-04
Application of Public Service
Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy**

for a Certificate of Site and Facility

On April 12, 2016, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee). Eversource seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction, and operation of a 115 kV transmission line from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation. The project will be approximately 12.9 miles in length and is comprised of a combination of above ground, underground, and underwater segments. The project will be located in the towns of Madbury, Durham, Newington, and the City of Portsmouth.

On April 29, 2016, pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chairman of the Committee appointed a Subcommittee in this docket. On June 13, 2016 the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H.

RSA 162-H:10, 1-a, requires that within 45 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, that the Applicant hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located. The purpose of the public information session is to provide the public with information on the proposed Project, to provide an opportunity for comments and questions from the public, and to explain the process the Subcommittee will follow in reviewing the application. Robert R. Scott, the presiding officer of the Subcommittee, has designated Counsel to the Committee, Michael Iacopino as the presiding officer for the public information session.

The Strafford County public information session will be held on **July 14, 2016, at 6:00 PM** at the **Oyster River High School, 55 Coe Drive, Durham, New Hampshire.**

The Rockingham County public information session will be held on **July 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM** at the **Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, New Hampshire.**

The Application and all other filings in this docket are located on the Committee's website www.nhsec.nh.gov or by contacting Pamela Monroe, Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee, Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov or (603) 271-2435.

(UL - June 27)