

**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**

June 23, 2016

PROCEDURAL ORDER

Background

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 the Madbury Substation to the 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 Chair 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. The purpose of this Order is to set forth a procedural schedule so that this docket may proceed in accordance with the requirements of RSA 162-H.

Public Information Session

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-a, the Applicant is required to hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. The public information sessions in this docket are scheduled for:

When: July 14, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Oyster River High School
55 Coe Drive
Durham, NH 03824
(Strafford County)

When: July 21, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Newington Town Hall
205 Nimble Hill Road
Newington, NH 03801
(Rockingham County)

A formal order of notice for publication shall be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I-a.

Counsel to the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, is hereby designated as the presiding officer of the public information sessions. At the public information sessions, the Applicant shall present information regarding the project and provide an opportunity for questions and comments from the public. The presiding officer shall explain to the public the process the Subcommittee will use to review the Application.

Motions to Intervene

Any person seeking to intervene as a party in this docket shall file a motion to intervene on or before the close of business on July 22, 2016. Motions to intervene must comply with requirements of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Site 202.11, http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/site100-300.html and RSA 541-A: 32, <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LV/541-A/541-A-32.htm>. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed by the close of business on August 1, 2016.

Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on September 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N.H. 03301. A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss the issues including, but not limited to: the conduct of discovery and technical sessions; offers of settlement or agreement on any issue; methods to simplify the issues in dispute; stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof by consent of the parties; changes to standard procedures by consent of the parties; limitations on the number of witnesses or scope of discovery; consolidation of witnesses; the filing of the testimony of witnesses; and any other matter that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding. The Applicant, Counsel for the Public, intervenors and all other parties shall attend the prehearing conference. To the extent that motions to intervene have not been ruled on, the parties seeking intervention shall attend the prehearing conference.

SO ORDERED this twenty-third day of June, 2016:



Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer
NH Site Evaluation Committee