

**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**

**August 9, 2016**

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF SITE INSPECTION  
AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a Subcommittee of the Site Evaluation Committee will conduct: (i) a Site Inspection on August 31, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., beginning at the Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH; and (ii) a Prehearing Conference on September 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH.

**Introduction**

This Order and Notice schedules a site inspection, and a prehearing conference.

**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.

## **Public Hearings**

On August 5, 2016, an Order and Notice was issued in this docket, scheduling the following public hearings: **August 31, 2016**, at **6:00 p.m.** at the Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH; and **September 1, 2016**, at **6:00 p.m.** at the Oyster River High School, 55 Coe Drive, Durham, NH. At the public hearings, the Applicant will provide the public with information on the proposed project, and the Subcommittee will provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments and to ask questions about the project or the process.

## **Site Inspection**

Pursuant to N. H. CODE OF ADMIN. RULES, Site 202.13, a Site Inspection in this docket will be held on **August 31, 2016**, starting at **12:00 p.m.**, and will begin at the Newington Town Hall located at 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH. The Site Inspection will include the stops listed in Attachment A. All of the times set forth in Attachment A, are estimated and may be affected by traffic, the amount of time at each stop, or other things beyond the control of the Subcommittee.

All parties and intervenors in this docket may attend the Site Inspection. In order to arrange for transportation, Intervenors wishing to attend the Site Inspection shall notify Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator of the Site Evaluation Committee, via telephone ((603) 271-2435) or by e-mail ([pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov](mailto:pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov)), no later than August 22, 2016.

Members of the public may attend the Site Inspection at their own risk and expense. However, the Subcommittee may limit the extent of public participation in order to assure the safety of the Subcommittee, the parties, and the public.

## Prehearing Conference

Pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31,V, and the N. H. CODE OF ADMIN. RULES, Site 202.10, a prehearing conference in this docket will be conducted on **September 7, 2016**, beginning at **9:00 a.m.**, in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH. All parties to the proceedings should attend the prehearing conference. A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss, but are not limited to, consideration of the following:

- Offers of settlement;
- Simplification of the issues;
- Stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof, by consent of the parties;
- Limitations on the number of witnesses;
- Changes to standard procedures desired during the hearing, by consent of the parties;
- Consolidation of examination of witnesses by the parties;
- Scheduling; and
- Any other matters which aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

The Administrator for the Committee, Pamela G. Monroe, and Counsel for the Committee, Iryna N. Dore and Michael J. Iacopino, are designated to serve as the hearing officer(s) at the prehearing conference.

## ORDER AND NOTICE

**It is hereby ordered**, that the Subcommittee will conduct a Site Inspection on August 31, 2016, starting at 12:00 p.m., at the Newington Town Hall located at 205 Nimble Hill Road in Newington, NH; and

**It is hereby further ordered**, that the Subcommittee will conduct a prehearing conference on September 7, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

**By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this ninth day of August, 2016.**

  
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Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer  
Site Evaluation Committee

**Attachment A**

**Docket No. 2015-04, Seacoast Reliability Project, Site Route: Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Rockingham County & Strafford County**

**\*All times are estimated and are subject to change**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Address or in the vicinity of</b>	<b>*Arrival Time</b>	<b>*Departure Time</b>
(1) Newington Town Hall	Start of Tour	205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH		12:00 PM
(2) Portsmouth Substation <b>Stop/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Termination	Gosling Road, Portsmouth, NH	12:10 PM	12:15 PM
(3) Fox Point Road <b>Stop/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Road Crossing	Fox Point Road, Newington, NH	12:25 PM	12:30 PM
(4) Frink Farm/Hannah Lane <b>Get out of Bus – 15 minutes</b>	Historic District	Hannah Lane, Newington, NH	12:35 PM	12:50 PM
(5) Little Bay (Newington) <b>Get out of Bus – 20 minutes</b>	Underground Projection out of Little Bay	Gundalow Landing, Newington, NH	12:55 PM	1:15 PM
(6) Little Bay Road (Crossing) <b>Get out of Bus – 10 minutes</b>	Transition Structure	Gundalow Landing, Newington, NH	1:20 PM	1:30 PM
(7) Little Bay (Durham) <b>Get out of Bus – 20 minutes</b>	Underground Projection out of Little Bay & Transition Structure	Durham Point Road, Durham, NH	2:00 PM	2:20 PM
(8) Durham Point Road Crossing <b>Drive By/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Road Crossing	Durham Point Road, Durham, NH	2:25 PM	2:30 PM
(9) Ffrost Drive Crossing <b>Get out of Bus – 15 minutes</b>	Road Crossing	Ffrost Drive, Durham, NH	2:40 PM	2:55 PM
(10) Cutts Road Crossing <b>Stop/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Road Crossing	Cutts Road, Durham, NH	3:00 PM	3:05 PM
(11) Rte 108 Crossing <b>Drive By/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Road Crossing	Newmarket Road, Durham, NH	3:10 PM	3:15 PM
(12) Colovos Road <b>Stop/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Transition Structure	Between Colovos Road & Waterworks Road, Durham, NH	3:20 PM	3:25 PM
(13) End of Parking Lot A <b>Stop/Stay on Bus – 5 minutes</b>	Expanded right-of-way near railroad track	Gables Way, Durham, NH	3:30 PM	3:35 PM
(14) Main Street/A-Lot Parking Lot <b>Get out of Bus – 20 minutes</b>	Transition Structure	Gables Way, Durham, NH	3:40 PM	4:00 PM
(15) Rest Stop <b>Get out of Bus – 10 minutes</b>		Gables Way, Durham, NH	4:00 PM	4:10 PM
(16) Return to Newington Town Hall				