

**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**

October 10, 2016

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PENDING MOTIONS
AND DEADLINE FOR FILING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Subcommittee will conduct a Hearing on Pending Motions on November 2, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the N.H. Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, N.H.

Introduction

This Notice and Order schedules a hearing on pending motions. It also sets a deadline for the filing of objections to pending motions.

Background

On April 12, 2016, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee). The Application seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction, and operation of a new 115kV electric transmission line between existing substations in Madbury and Portsmouth (Project.) The new transmission line will be approximately 12.9 miles in length. The project is comprised of a combination of above ground, underground, and underwater segments. The Project will be located in the Towns of Madbury and Durham in Strafford County and the Town of Newington and the City of Portsmouth in Rockingham County. The Application is being considered by a Subcommittee duly appointed under RSA 162-H:4-a.

On June 13, 2016, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application

contained sufficient information to satisfy the application requirements of each state agency having jurisdiction under state or federal law, to regulate any aspect of the construction or operation of the proposed facility. *See* RSA 162-H:7, IV.

On August 24, 2016, the Presiding Officer issued an Order on Petitions to Intervene in this docket. RSA 162-H:4, V, provides that any party aggrieved by a decision on a petition to intervene may within 10 calendar days request that the Subcommittee review such decision. The Subcommittee received 4 timely filed motions to review the Order on Petitions to Intervene.

Concurrently with its submittal of the Application, the Applicant also filed a Motion to Partially Waive Site 301.03(c)(3)-(5), and a Motion to Partially Waive Site 301.08(c)(2). The N.H. CODE OF ADMIN. RULES, Site 302.05, provides that the Subcommittee shall waive any provision of the rules, upon request by an interested party, if it finds that a waiver serves the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before it.

Hearing on Motions

A hearing on the pending motions in this docket will be conducted on November 2, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the N.H. Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, N.H. During the hearing, the Subcommittee will consider and deliberate on the following motions:

- Requests for Review of the Order on Petitions to Intervene under RSA 162-H:4, V, filed by:
 - Conservation Law Foundation;
 - The DeCapo Family;
 - Durham Point/Little Bay Abutters; and
 - Donna Heald McCosker;

- Applicant's Motion to Partially Waive Site 301.03(c)(3)-(5);
- Applicant's Motion to Partially Waive Site 301.08(c)(2); and
- Any other matters lawfully before the Subcommittee.

Deadline for Filing

All objections or responses on the Applicant's Request for Partial Waivers of Site 301.03(c)(3)-(5) and Site 301.08(c)(2), must be filed in accordance with Site 202.07, no later than October 20, 2016.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Subcommittee, will conduct a hearing on pending motions in this docket on November 2, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the N.H. Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, N.H.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this tenth day of October, 2016.



Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee