

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**December 28, 2016**

**Docket No. 2015-04**

**Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
d/b/a Eversource Energy for Certificate of Site and Facility**

**REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND ORDER**

**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 proposed 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 and 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.

On October 17, 2016, a procedural schedule and order was issued. On December 15, 2016, a Partially Assented-to Motion to Postpone the Procedural Schedule was filed by the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire and on the same day, the presiding officer issued an Order granting the motion. On December 19, pursuant to the Order, the Parties had a meeting with the Administrator and Counsel to the Committee, to discuss a revised procedural schedule. On December 20, consistent with the agreement between the parties that attended the meeting, the Applicant submitted a revised proposed procedural schedule.

## Revised Procedural Schedule

The following procedural schedule shall apply for the balance of the adjudicative proceedings in this docket:

1. State agencies were required to report progress, draft permits and draft conditions 150 days after acceptance of the application-on or before November 10, 2016;
2. Counsel for the Public and intervenors were required to propound data requests upon the Applicants on or before November 16, 2016;
3. The Applicant was required to respond to data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before December 9, 2016;
4. **Assuming that an amendment to the Application is filed on or before January 17, 2017, Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall propound data requests upon the Applicant on or before January 30, 2017. The additional data requests shall relate only to the amendment to the Application and to the Normandeau Report titled: *Characterization of Sediment Quality Along Little Bay Crossing*, submitted by the Applicant on December 1, 2016. The total number of data requests for any party shall not exceed 65;**
5. **The Applicant shall respond to the data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public and intervenors in paragraph 4 above, on or before February 8, 2017;**
6. State agencies shall issue final permits and conditions, if any, 240 days from acceptance of the Application -on or before February 8, 2017;
7. A technical session with Applicant's witnesses shall be conducted on **February 15, 16, and 17, 2017;**
8. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall provide pre-filed testimony of their witnesses on or before **March 3, 2017;**
9. The Applicants shall propound data requests on Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before **March 14, 2017;**
10. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall respond to data requests on or before **April 4, 2017;**

11. A technical session with witnesses for Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall be conducted on **April 11 and 12, 2017**;
12. Supplemental pre-filed testimony shall be due from all parties on or before **May 1, 2017**;
13. The parties shall file statements of stipulated facts and any other stipulations on or before **May 5, 2017**;
14. The final pre-hearing conference shall be conducted on **May 5, 2017**; and
15. The final adjudicative hearing (estimated time needed for hearing is 5 days) shall take place from **May 15-19, 2017**.

Unless otherwise ordered, all technical sessions, prehearing conferences and adjudicative hearings in this docket shall be conducted at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

**SO ORDERED this twenty-eighth day of December, 2016.**

  
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Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer  
NH Site Evaluation Committee