

**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 Certificate of Site and Facility**

April 7, 2017

**ORDER ON REVISED PARTIAL
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This order establishes a revised partial procedural schedule for the adjudicative proceedings in this matter.

I. 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.

On October 17, 2016, a procedural schedule and order was issued and on December 28, 2016, a revised procedural schedule and order was issued in his docket. On February 15, 2017, an order staying the procedural schedule was issued until such time as an amendment to the

Application was filed and the Applicant and the Parties submitted a new proposed procedural schedule.

On March 29, 2017, the Applicant submitted the amendment to the Application that modified the proposed Project in the following four significant ways: (1) siting an additional 2,680 feet of the project underground across the Frink Farm in the Newington Center Historic District, and in the Hannah Lane residential neighborhood; (2) altering the route for the underground design in Newington through Gundalow Landing; (3) relocating the site of an underground-to-overhead transition structure in Newington; and (4) altering segments of the overhead design to accommodate concerns raised by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, residents, and town officials.

On April 3, 2017, the Applicant submitted a proposed revised procedural schedule and on April 5, the Town of Newington submitted a proposed schedule that contained slight differences than that proposed by the Applicant.

II. Revised Partial Procedural Schedule

To ensure the orderly conduct of the proceeding, the following partial procedural schedule shall apply in this docket until such time as the Subcommittee meets to consider the agency requests to extend the timeframe and deadlines set out in RSA 162-H:7, VI-c, and the suspension of the statutory timeframe in RSA 162-H:14:

1. Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall propound data requests upon the Applicant regarding the Amendment on or before **April 19, 2017**. The data requests shall relate to the Amendment to the Application and to the Normandeau Report submitted on December 1, 2016. The total number of data requests for any party in this docket shall not exceed 65;
2. The Applicant shall respond to the data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public and intervenors on or before **May 12, 2017**; and

3. Technical sessions with the Applicant's witnesses shall be conducted on **May 30, June 7, and June 12, 2017.**

Unless otherwise ordered, the technical sessions docket shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the dates noted, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

SO ORDERED this seventh day of April, 2017.



Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee