

**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 20, 2017

ORDER AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

This order and notice schedules a public meeting on pending agency requests, suspension of the statutory timeframe in RSA 162-H:14, and any other matters lawfully before the Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND

On April 12, 2016, the 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 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 February 3, 2017, the Division of Historic Resources requested an extension of time until March 31, 2017, to complete its review, due to the receipt of extensive public comment.

On February 6, 2017, the Department of Environmental Services also requested an extension of

time to a date that is “30 days after the date when Eversource provides all final requests for project impacts to be reviewed by NHDES, or to a date to be determined in accordance with proposed provisions included within the Applicant’s Uncontested Motion to Stay Procedural.”

On February 15, 2017, an Order to Stay the Procedural Schedule was issued and on April 7, 2017, an Order on Revised Procedural Schedule was issued, noting that the Subcommittee would meet 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.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Subcommittee will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday April 26, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, New Hampshire, to consider:

- The suspension of the statutory timeframe in RSA 162-H:14;
- The pending requests of the Division of Historical Resources and the Department of Environmental Services to extend the timeframe and deadlines set out in RSA 162-H:7, VI-c; and
- Any other matter lawfully before the Subcommittee.

It is hereby further ordered that a copy of this Order and Notice shall be provided to the service list in this docket, posted to the Committee’s website, and posted at the offices of the Department of Environmental Services, and the Public Utilities Commission.

SO ORDERED this twentieth day of April, 2017.



Robert R. Scott, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee