

**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**

November 9, 2018

ORDER AND NOTICE

This Order grants, in part, and denies, in part, Newington's Motion for Extension of Deadline to File Briefs.

I. BACKGROUND

On April 12, 2016, the Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy applied 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).

Adjudicative hearings were conducted from August 29, 2018 to October 26, 2018. The evidentiary record closed on October 26, 2018.

On October 31, 2018, an Order on Exhibits and Schedule for Final Briefs was issued. The Order requires Counsel for the Public and Intervenors to file their final briefs no later than November 13, 2018, and that the Applicant shall file its final brief no later than November 20, 2018.

On November 2, 2018, the Applicant filed a Motion to Re-Open the Record. On November 7, 2018, the Subcommittee issued a Notice of Provisional Hearing scheduling a hearing on November 15, 2018, to provide the parties with an opportunity to cross-examine the

Applicant's witness on matters contained in the Motion to Re-Open the Record in the event it is granted.

On November 6, 2018, the Town of Newington filed a Motion for Extension of Deadline to File Briefs. The Applicant filed a response.

II. POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

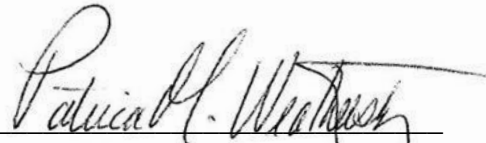
The Town of Newington advises the Subcommittee that its lead counsel recently experienced an unexpected loss of a family member. The Town requests an extension of the deadline for Counsel for the Public's and Intervenors' final briefs from November 13 to November 27, 2018. The Town also argues that such request is reasonable considering that the Applicant filed a Motion To Re-Open the Record, a hearing on which, if granted, will be conducted on November 15, 2018.

The Applicant does not object to Newington's request to extend the deadline. It argues, however, that the deadline for Counsel for the Public's and Intervenors' final briefs should be extended to November 16, 2018, and also requests an extension for filing its final brief from November 20 to November 21, 2018.

III. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

The Town of Newington states good cause for extending the deadline for the final briefs. Deliberations in this docket are currently scheduled to start on November 27, 2018. In order to allow the Subcommittee sufficient time to review the final briefs and to avoid undue delay, Counsel for the Public and Intervenors shall file their final briefs on or before November 15, 2018, and the Applicant shall file its final brief on or before November 21, 2018. The Subcommittee will begin its deliberations on November 28, 2018. Deliberations currently scheduled on November 27 are cancelled.

SO ORDERED this ninth day of November, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia M. Weathersby", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia M. Weathersby, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee