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October 13, 2015

# VIA HAND DELIVERY

Martin Honigberg, Chairman New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301

## Re: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid: Joint Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project - Notice of Public Information Session

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid, have submitted an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility in connection with the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project – a proposed 345 kV transmission line that will run from Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire through the towns of Londonderry, Hudson, Windham and Pelham, New Hampshire. In connection with that application, and in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I enclose copies of the Notices of Public Information Sessions scheduled to take place October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Windham and Pelham. I also attach my Affidavit attesting to the publication of the notices.

If you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barry Needleman

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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### JOINT APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY & NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### SEC DOCKET NO. 2015-05

#### AFFIDAVIT OF BARRY NEEDLEMAN

I, Barry Needleman, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1.I am a Director at McLane Middleton, Professional Association, which representsPublic Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("PSNH") and NewEngland Power Company d/b/a National Grid ("NEP") in the above-captioned matter.

2. PSNH and NEP intend to construct a new 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 24-miles long from the Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire, to the Substation located in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. The New Hampshire portion of the line will be approximately 18-miles long. In New Hampshire, the proposed facility will be located in the Towns of Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, and Pelham.

3. RSA 162-H:10 requires that PSNH and NEP, as applicants for a Certificate of Site and Facility, hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility will be located within 45 days after acceptance of their Application by the Site Evaluation Committee. In addition, the statute requires that no less than 14 days before the public information session, the Applicant must publish a Public Notice in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the session is to be held.

4. The Statute further requires that not less than 10 days before such session, PSNH and NEP must provide a copy of the public notice to the presiding officer of the Site Evaluation Committee.

5. In accordance with the Statute, the Public Notice for the Rockingham County Public Information Session was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, which is at least 14 days prior to the session. Copies of the Notice of Public Information Session for Rockingham County are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. The Public Notice for the Hillsborough County Public Information Session was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, which is at least 14 days prior to the session. Copies of the Notice of Public Information Session for Rockingham County are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

11/13/19

Date

Needleman

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Personally appeared before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, the above-described Barry Needleman, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

otary Public/Justice of the Peace My Commission Expires:



# **EXHIBIT A**

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#### Notices

d/b/a Eversource Energy shall cause a copy of this Notice of Public Information Session to be published no later than October 15, 2015. In one or more newspaper(s) having a regular circulation in Rockingham County, and provide a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator no later than October 19, 2015: and

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) d/b/a Eversource Energy shall cause a copy of this Notice of Public Information Session to be published no later than October 21, 2015, in one or more newspaper(s) having a regular circulation in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire and provide a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator no later than October 26, 2015; and

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) d/b/a Eversource Energy shall bear the cost of said publication(s).

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this 8th day of October, 2015.

F. Anne Ross, Presiding Officer New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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#### Legal Notice

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