

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

December 7, 2015

Docket No. 2015-05

**Re: Joint Application of New England Power Company
d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New
Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site
and Facility**

**REPORT OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On December 3, 2015, a prehearing conference was held in the above referenced docket. F. Anne Ross, Esq., was the presiding officer. This memorandum will serve as a Report of Prehearing Conference pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31, V (d). Notice pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31, V (b), of the prehearing conference was issued on October 8, 2015. An agenda for the prehearing conference was issued on November 30, 2015.

Participants

The following parties were present for the prehearing conference: Barry Needleman, Esq. on behalf of the joint applicants, New England Power Company and PSNH (Applicant); Christopher Allwarden, Esq., on behalf of PSNH; Mark R. Reilly, Esq., on behalf of New England Power; Assistant Attorney General Christopher Aslin as Counsel for the Public, and; Margaret Huard, intervenor. Also present were Pamela Monroe, Administrator for the Site Evaluation Committee and Michael Iacopino, Counsel to the Site Evaluation Committee.

General Discussion

The parties were advised of the scope and nature of a pre-hearing conference.

Counsel for the Public reported that he had not yet determined whether he intended to retain an expert/consultant in this docket. Intervenor, Margaret Huard, advised that she may employ an expert/consultant on the environmental issues involved in the matter. The general discussion also addressed the methods of discovery that the parties would employ. The process for propounding and answering of data requests and the conduct of technical sessions was discussed.

The parties were encouraged to pursue areas of potential settlement. While recognizing that the parties may not be able to agree on the final resolution of this matter they were advised to seek agreement with regard to procedural matters and other matters that would make the process of the adjudicative proceeding more efficient. Counsel for the Public reported that at least settlement on some issues was likely.

Mr. Needleman presented a proposed schedule. All parties were generally satisfied with the proposed schedule. Two small changes were agreed on by all parties.

Procedural Schedule

The Parties agreed to the following procedural schedule:

January 15, 2016 – Counsel for the public and intervenors shall propound data requests upon the Applicants.

February 5, 2016 – Applicants shall respond to data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public and intervenors.

March 1 and March 2, 2016 – Technical session with Applicant's witnesses.

March 2, 2016 – Counsel for the public and intervenors shall disclose expert witnesses, if any, and shall provide pre-filed testimony.

March 3, 2016 – State agencies shall report progress, draft permits and draft conditions 150 days after acceptance of the application.

March 18, 2016 – The Applicants shall propound data requests on Counsel for the Public

and intervenors.

April 8, 2016 – Counsel for the Public and intervenors shall respond to data requests.

May 2 and May 3, 2016 – Technical session with witnesses for Counsel for the Public.

May 4 and May 5, 2016 – Technical session with witnesses for intervenors.

May 20, 2016 – Supplemental pre-filed testimony due from all parties.

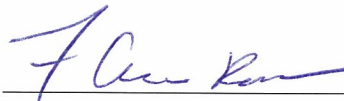
May 23, 2016 – Parties shall file statements of stipulated facts and any other stipulations.

May 31, 2016 – Final Structuring Conference

June 1, 2016 – State agencies shall issue final permits and conditions, if any. 240 days from acceptance of application.

Week of June 13, 2016 – Final adjudicative hearing (2 days).

So ordered this 7th day of December, 2016.



F. Anne Ross, Esq.
Presiding Officer

