STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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

February 25, 2016

ORDER GRANTING ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE TO EXTEND DISCOVERY DEADLINES

On December 7, 2015, the Presiding Officer of the Subcommittee of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (Subcommittee) assigned in this docket issued a Report of Prehearing Conference and Procedural Schedule (Procedural Schedule) in the above entitled matter. The Procedural Schedule set forth the following relevant deadlines: (i) the deadline for Counsel for the Public and intervenors to propound data requests upon the Applicant – January 15, 2016; and (ii) the deadline for the Applicant to provide answers to said data requests – February 5, 2015.

On January 15, 2016, Counsel for the Public filed an Assented-To Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule set forth in this docket. Counsel for the Public requests the Subcommittee to extend the deadlines and (i) to allow Counsel for the Public and intervenors to propound data request upon the Applicant on or before January 19, 2016 and (ii) to allow the Applicant to answers said data requests on or before February 9, 2016.

The Applicant and Ms. Huard assented to the relief.

The request to extend the deadlines by 4 days so that the parties can conduct discovery is a reasonable request. Granting the request will not prejudice any party to these proceedings.

Therefore, the request contained in the Applicant's Assented-To Motion to Amend

Procedural Schedule is hereby granted.

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So ordered this <u>25</u> day of February 2016:

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F. Anne Ross Site Evaluation Committee Presiding Officer