

**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 IN PART AND DENYING IN PART MOTION TO RECORD  
TECHNICAL SESSIONS  
AND  
HAVE TRANSCRIPT PREPARED**

On December 7, 2015, the Presiding Officer issued a Report of Prehearing Conference and Procedural Schedule (Procedural Schedule) in the above entitled matter.

Under the Procedural Schedule, technical sessions are scheduled for March 1 and 2, 2016.

On February 16, 2017, Ms. Huard filed a Motion requesting the following: (i) recording of all technical sessions; (ii) preparation of the transcript(s) associated with said recording; and (iii) admittance of the transcripts prepared as a result of said recording as a “part of the formal record.”

The Applicant responded to Ms. Huard’s request on February 19, 2016. The Applicant did not object to Ms. Huard’s request to record and transcribe technical sessions. The Applicant requested, however, not to be responsible for costs associated with recording and transcription of the record. The Applicant did not address Ms. Huard’s request to make transcripts of technical sessions a “part of the formal record.”

The request to record and transcribe technical sessions is a reasonable request. Considering that the Applicant did not make said request, it is reasonable to order Ms. Huard to

bear the costs associated with the recording and transcription of the sessions. Therefore, Ms. Huard's request to record and transcribe technical sessions is hereby granted with each party bearing its own costs. Ms. Huard shall be responsible for arranging and paying the costs associated with recording and preparation of the transcripts of the technical sessions. The Applicant and Counsel for the Public shall bear the costs of copies of the transcript if they choose to obtain a copy.

Ms. Huard's request to make the transcript(s) of technical sessions a part of the "formal record" is denied without prejudice. Technical sessions are informal discovery proceedings that are conducted for the convenience of the parties. Witnesses at technical sessions are not placed under oath. Transcripts of informal technical sessions are inadmissible evidence in the record unless a party has established a basis for admissibility. If a party wishes to enter a transcript into the record, the party must assert and establish the basis for admissibility of the transcript.

So ordered this 25 day of February, 2016:



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F. Anne Ross  
Site Evaluation Committee  
Presiding Officer