

**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**

**May 6, 2016**

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
AND  
FINAL ADJUDICATIVE HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct (i) a Prehearing Conference on May 31, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Hearing Room A at the offices of the Public Utilities Offices, 21 South Fruit Street #10, Concord, New Hampshire; and (ii) a Final Adjudicative Hearing on June 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and, if needed, on June 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Offices.

**Introduction**

This Order and Notice schedules a prehearing conference and a final adjudicative hearing.

**Background**

On August 5, 2015, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) d/b/a Eversource Energy filed a joint application for a certificate of site and facility with the Site Evaluation Committee. The Application seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction and operation for a new 345 kV electric transmission line. The proposed transmission line will be constructed in an existing developed transmission line corridor between NEP's Tewksbury 22A Substation in Tewksbury, Massachusetts and PSNH's Scobie Pond 345 kV Substation in Londonderry, New

Hampshire. The pre-existing transmission line corridor traverses the towns of Pelham and Hudson in Hillsborough County, and Windham and Londonderry, in Rockingham County.

### **Prehearing Conference**

Pursuant to RSA 541-A: 31,V, and the N. H. CODE OF ADMIN. RULES Site 202.10, a prehearing conference in this docket will be conducted on **May 31, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire. All parties to the proceedings should attend the prehearing conference. A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss, but are not limited to, consideration of the following:

- Offers of settlement;
- Simplification of the issues;
- Stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof, by consent of the parties;
- Limitations on the number of witnesses;
- Changes to standard procedures desired during the hearing, by consent of the parties;
- Consolidation of examination of witnesses by the parties;
- Scheduling; and
- Any other matters which aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

Counsel for the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, is designated to serve as the hearing officer at the prehearing conference.

### **Final Adjudicative Hearing**

A Final Adjudicative Hearing will be conducted on **June 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** and if needed, on **June 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

The adjudicative hearing is an evidentiary hearing that is open to the public.

At the conclusion of the evidentiary portion of the proceeding the Subcommittee may deliberate on the merits of whether to grant or deny a Certificate of Site and Facility.

## **ORDER AND NOTICE**

**It is hereby ordered,** that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct a prehearing conference on **May 31, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire; and

**It is hereby further ordered,** that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct a Final Adjudicative Hearing on **June 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** and, **if needed,** on **June 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** in Hearing Room A at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire.

**By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this sixth day of May, 2016.**



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F. Anne Ross  
Site Evaluation Committee  
Presiding Officer