## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2015-05

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

## **ORDER APPOINTING SUBCOMMITTEE**

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 (collectively Applicant) filed a joint application for a certificate of site and facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee (Committee). The Application seeks the issuance of Certificate of Site and Facility (Certificate) 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 Project will consist of approximately 18 miles of new 345 kV transmission line construction (3124 Line) and also the relocation of existing facilities along some sections of the corridor, including the existing 115 kV line (Y-151 Line), in order to accommodate the proposed 3124 Line. The Project will traverse the Towns of Pelham, Windham, Hudson and Londonderry.

The Application is currently under review for administrative completeness under RSA 162-H: 7, VI.

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chairperson of the Committee may establish subcommittees "to consider and make decisions on applications, including the issuance of certificates, or to exercise any other authority or perform any other duty of the committee ...."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Application itself was physically filed on July 23, 2015. However, the filing fee was not received by the Committee until August 5, 2015. The official filing date in this docket is August 5, 2015.

When considering an application for a certificate of site and facility, the subcommittee shall have no fewer than seven members. RSA 162-H:4-a, II. The subcommittee assumes the role of and shall be considered to be the Committee with "all of its associated powers and duties in order to execute the charge given it by the chairperson." RSA 162-H:4-a, I.

In order to assure the prompt and efficient consideration of the Application in this docket, I hereby appoint the following Subcommittee:

- 1. Martin Honigberg, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission Chair and Presiding Officer
- 2. Thomas Burack, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services
- 3. Kathryn M. Bailey, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission
- 4. Jeffrey Rose, Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development
- 5. Elizabeth Muzzey, Director, Division of Historical Resources
- 6. Roger Hawk, Public Member
- 7. Patricia Weathersby, Public Member

Each state agency member of the Subcommittee may designate a "senior administrative" employee or staff attorney" from the agency to "sit in his or her place on the subcommittee." RSA 162-H:4-a, II. It is requested that state agency members of the Subcommittee intending to designate a staff member do so, in writing, prior to September 2, 2015.

The Subcommittee is charged with resolving all issues that may arise in this docket and determining whether to grant or to deny the Application as filed by the Applicant.

So Ordered this 12th day of August 2015.

Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman Site Evaluation Committee