December 2, 2015

PAMELA MONROE, SEC ADMINISTRATOR
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CONCORD, NH 03301-2429

RE: Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service
Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and
Facility, NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:7, IV, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee")
forwarded an application (or relevant portion thereof) for a Certificate of Site and Facility
("Application") to the Department of Environmental Services (the "Department"). By letter
dated November 12, 2005, the Department advised the Committee that the Application did not
have sufficient information regarding Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service
Company of New Hampshire’s (the "Applicant") ownership interest to satisfy the Department’s
application requirements, as required by RSA 162-H:7, IV, as to the following components of
the Application:

1. Alteration of Terrain File No. SEC – 151020-171
2. Wetland File No. SEC – 2015-02817

By letter to the Committee, dated November 20, 2015, copied to the Department, the Applicant
provided additional information to support its assertion that it has sufficient rights to proceed
with the project either through its ownership interest or statutory authority under RSA 231:160 et
seq. Based on that information and further review of the Application, the Department has
determined that the Application, as supplemented by the additional information, now has
sufficient information to satisfy the Department’s application requirements, as required by RSA
162-H:7, IV, as to each of the components of the Application identified above. These
components now meet the Department’s administrative completeness requirements.

This determination does not address the relative property rights of the Applicant and any parties
that may have competing property interests. The Department’s authority regarding property
rights is limited to determining whether an applicant has sufficient ownership interest to proceed
and whether it has met the applicable statutory and regulatory criteria. See Appeal of Robert C.
Michele & a., (Slip Opinion 2014-159, August 11, 2015,
RSA 162-H:7, VI, requires the Committee to decide within 60 days from the date on which the Application was filed whether to accept the Application or to reject it because it is administratively incomplete. If the Committee accepts the Application the Department will forward the Application to appropriate staff for technical review.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (603) 271-2951.

Thank you,

[Signature]

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