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January 28, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and PSNH d/b/a Eversource Energy
For a Certificate of Site and Facility
NH Site Evaluation Committee No. 2015-06

Dear Administrator Monroe:

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD) has received your "Notice of Initiation Proceeding" letter, dated December 31, 2015 for the Northern Pass Transmission, LLC project. Although, the Fish and Game Department does not have independent permitting or regulatory authority for this project, the Department may wish to participate in these proceedings while staff continue to review the information in more detail relative to the potential impacts to fish and wildlife.

As guardians of the State's fish, wildlife and marine resources, it is the Department's responsibility to work in partnership with the public to conserve, manage and protect these resources. The NHFGD has a material interest in this project and may wish to participate in the proceedings in accordance with RSA 162-H: 7-a, I, (a)-(e), if issues of concern are identified by our agency throughout the SEC process.

At this time, a number of Department staff are in the process of reviewing the application materials; however, due to the extensive size of this project this review is not yet completed. In addition, the Department anticipates additional information to be provided throughout the (SEC) process before the Department can offer its opinion on any proposed avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures with respect to fish and wildlife. The Department would also like to encourage and we appreciate the continuation of discussions with the applicant throughout the SEC process.

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Department's Environmental Review Coordinator, Carol Henderson via email at carol.henderson@wildlife.nh.gov or by phone at 603-271-3511.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Normandeau', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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