March 7, 2016
Pamela Monroe, Administrator
Site Evaluation Committee
Concord, NH

Re: Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Please enter an objection by The No Northern Pass Coalition (NNPC) being denied its Petition for Intervener status in the above-captioned proceedings. Electronic copies are being sent via e-mail to all parties on the distribution list for this docket.

The Applicants stated that they “recognize that parties with legitimate and concrete interests, who can properly satisfy applicable legal requirements, should be granted permission to intervene in this proceeding. “

The Applicant objected to the intervention of the NNPC Board of Directors and claimed the NNPC is not a legal entity and that “…the group is neither organized nor incorporated in any manner that would confer upon them the legal right for which they presently seek.” The NNPC was incorporated in the State of New Hampshire in September 2011 and is in good standing with the State.

The Applicant objected stating “…three of the five signatories to the NNPC petition have independently petitioned to intervene (Robert Tuveson, Gail Beaulieu, Elizabeth Terp). To grant these individuals the right to intervene independently as well as under the guise of the NNPC would be unfair to the Applicant since it would give the same parties multiples opportunities to conduct discovery, examine witnesses, sponsor witnesses and generally participate in this manner.” However, later in their objection, the Applicant also objects to these same three individuals from intervening as individuals, in essence denying these individuals of any opportunity to participate, either as individuals or as board members of the NNPC.

The sole purpose of the NNPC is, and has been from the initial announcement of the Northern Pass Transmission Project to the public, to research and understand the consequences to the environment of the State as well as to the ecosystem if this project were to be approved. The Board of Directors of the NNPC has taken an active role all legislative hearings and has endeavored to educate the public as to the impact industrial hydroelectricity has had on plants, wildlife, fish migration, water fowl and the native population of Northern Quebec.

The source of electricity for the Northern Pass Transmission Project is Hydro Quebec, an industrial hydroelectricity project operated in Northern Quebec.

The boundary line between Canada and New Hampshire is not a concrete wall but simply an artificial political boundary. Impacts to the environment of Canada affect the United States and the ecosystem of the entire planet. As potential purchasers of industrial hydroelectricity, the New Hampshire SEC has an obligation to determine if the claims made by the Applicant in the
application that their product is clean renewable energy is accurate. The NNPC plans to enter expert testimony which will dispute that claim.

The NNCP asserts that it has legitimate and concrete interests and should be granted permission to intervene in this matter.

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