State of New Hampshire New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Docket No. 2015-06

Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC ("NPT") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New 1,090 MW Electric Transmission Line

March 27, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
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Concord, NH 03301-2429

Dear Ms. Monroe,

New Hampshire Sierra Club (NHSC) respectfully requests further review of the grouping ordered by the Site Evaluation Committee on March 18, 2016.

NHSC has over 10,000 members and supporters in New Hampshire who care deeply about the future of our state’s environment, the impacts of climate change and the stewardship of the wildlife and natural communities. NHSC will represent its own unique interests and rights.

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) ordered the consolidation of NHSC with Conservation Law Foundation, Appalachian Mountain Club, and Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust. The grouping will diminish and impede the NHSC’s ability to voice its concerns and represent its members and supporters.

Conservation Law Foundation, Appalachian Mountain Club, and Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust have declined to collaborate with NHSC. This fact will preclude

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1 Please see the filing circulated by the three groups on March 26, 2016 and expected to be filed on this same day, March 28, 2016.
NHSC from fully participating in the proceeding as a member of the group as ordered.

NHSC wishes to participate without limitation in the discovery process, to call witnesses including members and experts, to present evidence, and engage in cross-examination.

In this proceeding, NHSC wishes to challenge the Applicant’s meaning of “clean energy” and the claims that it will improve our public energy infrastructure and lessen the public’s financial burden for energy. The damming of rivers, the forced migration of the First Nation’s People of Canada, and the destruction of wildlife habitat have already occurred for Hydro Quebec current energy. We intend to ask at what and whose expense will be sacrificed for the Northern Pass. We wish to challenge the Applicant’s claims of public interests and benefits. Further, NHSC intends to challenge the Applicant’s impacts of the Northern Pass project.

NHSC respectfully submits the request to revisit the grouping order of March 18, 2016 and allow NHSC to represent itself.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Catherine M. Corkery
NHSC Chapter Director

I certify that this document was filed and served in accordance with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Rules on March 25, 2016.