

**RE: Request for review of Intervenor Groupings, Schedule, Partial Waivers of SEC Rules**

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

Docket #2015-06 Northern Pass

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Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator, New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

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Dear Ms. Monroe,

As an individual intervenor abutting the underground path of Route 116, I wish to make my position known on the following:

1. The proposed macro intervenor groupings as submitted by the SEC put intervenors at a severe disadvantage. While it is admirable that the SEC wants to shorten proceedings and lessen overlap, it appears that in doing so, the rights to due process have been trampled, throwing the proceedings into a state of confusion. I can understand if the groups were segmented into individual towns, where people in close proximity and having a town government and meeting place that could effectively roll up the varying constituents and issues to provide acceptable and legal intervenor representation. But requiring that a series of towns find one spokesman to deliver a complex message tailored to different towns wants and needs is plainly ridiculous. If in fact the SEC wants to be seen as impartial in this process, it must break down the intervenor package to a more just and honorable representation of New Hampshire citizens. To do otherwise will show bias to NPT and tarnish the SEC reputation. In addition, it is my belief that individual landowners or groups that are willing to hire counsel and spend hard earned monies must be given the right to be heard individually and adjudicated on the facts presented. Remember, the government is supposed to work for the people and not corporations.
2. In keeping with the above, it would appear that putting this application on a fast track by expecting completion by December 19th of this year is unreasonable and again puts the SEC in an unfavorable light, where it would appear that the wishes of NPT overshadow the rights of New Hampshire citizens. As you know there is an unprecedented amount of interest in this project that is unfavorable to NPT. It is the duty, as long and hard as that may be, for the SEC to allocate appropriate time for testimony by experts, lawyers, citizens and town groups. To do otherwise is an infringement of New Hampshire citizen's rights for due process and tramples on individual rights. Therefore, I propose that in order for a fair hearing to be in place that the SECs final decision be issued in November of 2017, as per the request by Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
3. Lastly is the issue of Partial Waivers of SEC rules. Why do we have rules? Just as "we the people" must follow certain rules, then it only follows that NPT must as well, in meeting SEC regulations. I think it sets an odious precedent to grant waivers this early in the process where so little engineering work has been done by the applicant as it merely wants to speed up the process and drop requirements to save money. NPT is hoping that by playing fast and loose with the rules it will steamroll deliberate adjudication by the SEC. Please be cautious in fairness to the people.

Sincerely,

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