



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

September 6, 2016

Robert P. Clarke, Director  
Northern Pass Transmission, LLC  
PO Box 330  
780 North Commercial Street  
Manchester, NH 03105

Re: **REPLACEMENT AND CORRECTED RESPONSE TO:** Request for Expedited Review of three Wetland Permit Applications for Geotechnical Investigations on three parcels owned by Eversource in Pittsburg, Bethlehem, and Deerfield, NH

Dear Mr. Clarke:

This is to replace and correct my letter to you dated August 31, 2016 in response to your request to expedite the processing of three permit applications for Geotechnical Investigations associated with the Northern Pass Transmission Project on three parcels owned by Eversource, one each in Pittsburg, Bethlehem, and Deerfield. DES will expedite the processing of these applications solely because the investigations are expected to provide information that will aid DES in its review of the wetlands application for the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project on which DES is under deadline to provide final recommendations to the Site Evaluation Committee.

To be absolutely clear, DES has made no findings whatsoever with respect to the merits of the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project. The language that appeared in the second sentence of the August 31<sup>st</sup> letter was "boiler-plate language" that is not applicable to the circumstances involving your request, and was mistakenly included in that letter, which is fully superseded by this corrective replacement letter.

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Your application has been assigned to Craig Rennie, Environmentalist IV, DES Land Resources Management Program, for the technical review of the application. Please contact Craig at 271-0676 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Burack  
Commissioner

cc: Rene Pelletier, PG, Assistant Director, DES Water Division  
Collis Adams, CWS, CPESC, DES Wetlands Bureau Administrator  
Craig Rennie, Environmentalist, DES Land Resources Management Program  
Lee Carbonneau, Normandeau Associates, Inc.  
Kevin McCune, Northern Pass Transmission  
Pamela Monroe, Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee  
Towns of Bethlehem, Deerfield, and Pittsburg, NH