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**RE: Technical Session Daily Duration
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06
Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource
Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction of
a New High Voltage Transmission Line in New Hampshire**

Dear Mrs. Monroe:

I write on behalf of the Forest Society of New Hampshire (“Forest Society”) to respectfully request that the daily duration of technical sessions be limited to less than what occurred yesterday. Yesterday, the technical session regarding construction began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 11:00 p.m. While the nature of this process may necessitate occasionally going beyond an 8-hour session (perhaps until 5:30 or even 6:00), a 14-hour session is far beyond the bounds of reasonableness.

The following list is not meant to be an exhaustive list of the concerns associated with such a long duration, but these concerns give a glimpse into the concerning nature of such duration:

1. The people involved in the technical sessions are of very high capacity to perform their various roles asking questions, answering questions, rendering legal advice, etc. However, it was obvious yesterday that the capacity of the individuals to perform their roles suffered greatly as the day went on, especially into the late evening hours. Of note, it was the *pro se* intervenors who were forced to ask their questions at the latest hours, some of whom reside more than two hours from the location of the technical sessions.
2. Allowing technical sessions to continue through the dinner hour and late into the evening ignores the reality that the people involved in the technical sessions have professional and personal obligations outside of the technical sessions.



3. Many of the technical sessions are schedule back to back. For example, this week had technical sessions on Monday and Wednesday regarding construction, today regarding historic resources, and tomorrow regarding economics. Holding technical sessions until 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday prevents individuals from preparing for the following days' technical sessions.
4. It appears that no party had any notice that the technical session would continue until 11 p.m., or to any time much beyond 5 p.m.

If all of the parties' questions cannot be asked in the time that has been scheduled for any given technical session, the solution should be that an additional technical session will be scheduled. Given the difficulty of scheduling technical sessions, it may be wise to begin scheduling additional technical sessions currently so as to maximize the promptness of completing this round of technical sessions. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,



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