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**RE: Technical Sessions  
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 Pam,

I write on behalf of the Forest Society of New Hampshire (“Forest Society”) to respectfully raise some concerns that resulted from the October 6, 2016 Aesthetics’ panel Technical Session, specifically, the telephonic participation of Jessica Kimball. While I understand that not everything can run perfectly, we all would have benefited from Northern Pass addressing the technological aspects sooner than the day of Ms. Kimball’s testimony especially given that counsel for Northern Pass had represented that she would be appearing by video conference. Had the technology been addressed in advance, we all would have avoided the unnecessary delays, frustration and lost time during which was already a continued technical session. This episode amply illustrates why the preferred practice is to have witnesses appear in person. To state the obvious, having the witness physically present is far more efficient and provides for greater ease of clarity when discussing various documents; attempting to ensure that Ms. Kimball is looking at the same document a questioner is referencing is not easily done via telephone.

There seems to be a presumption that everyone should simply accept that Ms. Kimball is unable to appear in person. While it may be that there are obstacles to her appearance in person, I have yet to see anything submitted by Northern Pass’ counsel either requesting permission for her to appear in an alternative fashion, or explaining why she cannot appear. At a minimum, Northern Pass should request this deviation from the norm and if approved, ensure that the technology will be in working order providing not just audio but also visual communication.



Thank you very much and please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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