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Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery

Pamela Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: 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 (the “Applicants”) for a Certificate of
Site and Facility
Confidential Historic Sites Exhibit 196**

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket, please find a thumb drive containing an electronic copy of Applicants’ Confidential Exhibit 196. The Applicants have also provided a hard copy of the enclosed to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (“NHDHR”).

Applicants’ Exhibit 196 consists of confidential United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) consulting party documents, namely, effects tables that are subject to DOE’s confidential/sensitive information guidance for consulting parties. The guidance precludes the distribution of work product documents and communications arising out of DOE’s Section 106 consultation to non-consulting parties.

Similar confidential consulting party documents were previously granted confidential treatment by the Presiding Officer on June 30, 2017. The Applicants have also submitted a Supplemental Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment Regarding Certain Exhibits on Historical Sites on July 21, 2017, which requests confidential treatment for additional exhibits that consist of DOE consulting party documents.

The Applicants incorporate by reference the same facts and circumstances contained in their April 24, 2017 and July 21, 2017 Motions for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment and hereby request that the Site Evaluation Committee grant confidential treatment of Applicants’ Exhibit 196. *See* Supplemental Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment at ¶¶ 7, 10–11.

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Pursuant to the established DOE consulting party protocol, the parties to this docket may currently review the documents at the NHDHR offices at 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday by contacting Tanya Krajcik at Tanya.krajcik@dcr.nh.gov or 603-271-3483.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Dumville". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and last name "Dumville" clearly distinguishable.

Adam M. Dumville

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cc: SEC Distribution List

Enclosure