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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 (b)

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(b). For ease of reference, the Applicants are providing a complete copy of Confidential Exhibit 196, 196(a), and 196(b) to the Committee, which includes all of the effects tables completed for historic sites. The Applicants have also provided a hard copy of the enclosed tables to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources ("NHDHR").

Today's filing completes the Applicants' submission of effects tables for historic resources on the list of inventoried properties for which NHDHR has required an effects assessment. Today's submittal includes effects review of the ten (10) cultural landscapes that the Northern Pass has inventoried, thirteen (13) that have no effect because they are outside the APE for the underground portion of the route or otherwise not affected, another twenty-two (22) that are for properties that are within the APE for the underground route, four (4) that are in the APE for both an underground and an overhead segment of the route, and three (3) recently inventoried properties in Franklin and Ashland. These effects tables are now in the form prescribed by DHR and address properties that have, in very large part, already been identified and assessed by the Applicants. This prior assessment is in the 2015 Historic Resources Assessment Report (Appendix 18 of the Application) and other prior submittals. The effects assessment for the newly-identified cultural landscapes also cover for the most part properties that have been already evaluated by the Applicants (e.g., the Mt. Prospect-Martin Meadow Pond Cultural Landscape whose principal focus is previously assessed Weeks State Park, the North Road-Lost Nations Road Cultural Landscape, whose primary area of interest is what has been already assessed as the North Road Agricultural District, and the Upper Ammonoosuc Cultural

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Landscape in Stark, that includes the Northside Road Historic District and the Percy Summer Club that the Applicants addressed in their original assessment report in 2015).

Applicants' Exhibits 196, 196(a), and 196(b) consist 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.

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,

Adam M. Dumville

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Enclosure