

January 29, 2016

VIA EMAIL Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street Concord NH 03301-2429

Re: NH 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 the construction of a new 1,090 MW Electric Transmission Line.

Dear Ms. Monroe;

Please find for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, Cate Street Capital, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in the above referenced matter.

Copies of this letter and enclosure have been sent via email as of this date to all members on the distribution list for this docket.

Sincerely,

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Alexandra K. Ritchie Senior Vice President Cate Street Capital, Inc.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

NH SEC DOCKET 2015-06

RE: JOINT APPLICATION OF NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION LLC AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOUCE ENERGY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 1,090 MW ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF CATE STREET CAPITAL, INC

Now comes the Petitioner, Cate Street Capital, Inc. ("Cate Street"), and pursuant to RSA 541 – A:32 and Site 202.11 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, hereby respectfully petitions the Site Evaluation Committee ("the SEC" or "the Committee") to permit it to intervene in the above matter. In support for its petition, Cate Street states as follows:

- This Petition is filed in response to an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility with the Site Evaluation Committee filed jointly by Northern Pass Transmission, LLC ("NPT") and Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") on October 19, 2015 for the construction of a new 1,090 MW Electric Transmission Line ("NPT Project").
- 2. The Petitioner, Cate Street Capital, Inc., was the developer of a 75 MW biomass-fired power project known as Burgess BioPower, LLC ("Burgess"), now in operations in Berlin, NH.
- 3. Cate Street is the on-going Manager of the Burgess BioPower Project.
- Cate Street has an interest in supporting the above referenced application as it manages one of the largest renewable energy power facilities, Burgess BioPower, currently operating within the State of New Hampshire.
- 5. Further, Burgess BioPower utilizes the Coos Loop Transmission Line which is subject to be updated as part of NPT's Forward New Hampshire Pan. The proposed upgrade plan represents the potential to increase capacity by up to 100MWs in generation, which will significantly improve curtailment issues that existing generators, including Burgess BioPower, utilizing the Coos Loop have experienced.
- 6. Further, Cate Street as manager of Burgess, which is currently a large economic development engine in the North Country, has an interest in the economic stimulus NPT Project is expected to bring to the North County and surrounding communities.
- 7. Cate Street's interest in the above reference application extends to the projected energy crisis the New England region is expected to face in the near term, relating not only to an over dependence on natural gas for power generation, but also in regards to available capacity. Forecasts indicate that between 2013 and 2020, in excess of 8,000 MWs of capacity is slated to be retired, some of which already has been retired.
- 8. Given the substantial and topic and geographic specific interest that Cate Street has in the NPT Project, we do not believe that any other party to this proceeding can adequately represent the interests of Cate Street. Further, the filing of this Petition to Intervene is in accordance with the deadline set forth by the Committee

for Docket 2015-06, and Cate Street asserts that the granting of this Petition would serve in the interest of justice.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Cate Street Capital, Inc. respectfully requests that the Site Evaluation Committee issue an order granting its Petition to Intervene and granting such other and further relief as it deems appropriate and necessary.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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Alexandra K. Ritchie Senior Vice President Cate Street Capital, Inc.