



February 2, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
NH Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: GMCC Request for Intervener Status in Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I write today to request to intervener status for the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) in the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee's (NHSEC) proceedings in Docket No. 2015-06 related to the Northern Pass project. The GMCC makes this request pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.11 and RSA 541-A:32.

The GMCC is a nonprofit business advocacy organization located at 54 Hanover Street in Manchester, NH. The mission of the GMCC is to support the economic health and vitality of Greater Manchester region by supporting business growth, professional development and networking opportunities, and advocating for our member businesses. The GMCC currently has more than 800 businesses as members from across Southern New Hampshire.

The GMCC has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding as the cost and availability of energy is a top advocacy priority of our organization. Unstable and rising energy costs are consistently cited by our members in surveys and focus groups as a barrier to business growth, job creation, and economic development in New Hampshire. Given the impact the cost of energy has on our economy and business community, the GMCC Board of Directors voted to endorse the Northern Pass project in 2012 and reaffirmed this position in September of 2015 citing the significant energy and economic benefits of the project.

The Northern Pass project is proposing to bring more than 1000 megawatts of clean, low-cost hydropower to the regional energy grid and is projected to lower energy costs in New Hampshire by \$80 million annually. Northern Pass has also proposed a power purchase agreement that will ensure additional energy savings flow to New Hampshire customers, in addition to a host of other economic benefits including increased property tax revenue, 2,600 construction jobs, and a \$200 million fund to support economic development efforts.

The GMCC requests intervener status in order to ensure the substantial energy and economic benefits of the Northern Pass project are fully considered during this proceeding.

Copies of this request have been forwarded via email to all parties on the distribution list posted on the NHSEC website as of today.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Skelton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: NHSEC Distribution List for Docket No. 2015-06 as of February 2, 2016