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Petition to intervene

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

Re: Docket No. 201506 Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe:

In accordance with RSA 541-A: 32 and N.H. Admin. Rule Site 202.11 and as the Coos County Commissioner for District Three I respectfully request I be allowed to intervene in the referenced docket above for the following reasons:

1. Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire, now Eversource Energy (the applicant) filed an application for a certificate of Site and Facility with the site Evaluation Committee for the construction of a new high voltage transmission line (the "project") on October 1, 2015.
2. By obtaining intervener status, as the county commissioner for District Three I will have standing to present testimony and evidence to assist the SEC in fairly and honestly making a decision that best represents the interests of the state on N H. RSA 162-H:6-VII.
3. I represent 6 towns: Pittsburg, Clarksville, W. Stewartstown, Dummer, Stark and Groveton or Northumberland as well as the unincorporated places of Millsfield and Dixville. District Three and the towns and unincorporated places will be affected more than any other towns on the proposed route for the project.

4. District Three towns that have voted overwhelmingly at their town meetings to oppose the project include Pittsburg, Clarksville, W. Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford and Northumberland (Groveton). Stark will be voting to oppose the project at their 2016 town meeting.
5. At his time there is no transmission line or lines in Pittsburg, Clarksville or Stewartstown. There is a transbution line only.
6. RSA 162-H: 161V (c) requires the Committee to determine that the Project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on aesthetics, historic sites, air and water quality, the natural environment and public health and safety. As the county commissioner for District Three and a resident of W. Stewartstown it is my responsibility to assist the SEC in determining the impact of the project in my District.
7. As a County Commissioner for the unincorporated towns of Millsfield and Dixville I along with Coos Counties other two commissioners act as the selectmen for the unincorporated districts in our county.
8. RSA 162-H: 16 IV (b) requires the committee to consider the views of municipal governing bodies on the Project's impact on the orderly growth of the region and the economic impact as well.
9. Obtaining intervener status will allow me as the District Three Commissioner to have standing and present testimony and evidence to assist the committee on these matters. RSA 162-H:6-a VII.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Site Evaluation committee:

- A. Grant Rick Samson Coos County Commissioner District Three that the Site Evaluation Committee grant my petition to intervene in these proceedings, and
- B. Grant such other relief as may be just.

Sincerely,

Rick Samson
Coos County Commissioner District Three

