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February 5, 2016

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

**Re: Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
Request for Intervener Status in Docket No. 2015-06**

Dear Ms. Monroe:

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

The GRCC is a non-profit, business advocacy organization located at 18 South Main Street in Rochester, NH. The mission of the GRCC is to advance and promote the general welfare and prosperity of its members and to enhance the quality of life in the area. The GRCC is comprised of businesses and professionals who work to foster a favorable economic climate for the greater Rochester area in which to live and work. The GRCC currently has approximately 450 businesses from the seacoast region of New Hampshire.

As our members continue to express concerns with rising energy costs and the availability of energy, the GRCC is interested in the outcome of these proceedings. The GRCC Board of Directors voted to endorse the Northern Pass project dating back to 2013 due to the need to bring new sources of energy into the region in order to stabilize and lower energy costs.

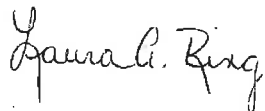
Northern Pass can help to plan for this energy future by injecting 1,200 megawatts of clean, low cost, renewable hydropower into the region's energy market that will provide sustainable and reliable power for local residents. The Northern Pass project is projected to result in tens of millions of dollars in energy savings, hundreds of new jobs, and millions in new tax revenue for New Hampshire. And just as importantly, this project proposes to ensure continued energy diversity in our supply, at a time when our region is becoming more and more dependent on natural gas.

The GRCC requests intervener status in order to ensure the economic benefits of the Northern Pass project are considered in these proceedings. Should we be unable to attend any of these proceedings and wish to provide testimony, we will submit our position in writing to Michael Skelton, President and CEO of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce to submit on our behalf.

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

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated;

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Ring".

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cc: NHSEC Distribution List for Docket No. 2015-06 as of February 5, 2016