

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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

**PRE-HEARING MEMORANDUM OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS TO IDENTIFY TRACK 2 PRE-HEARING  
CONFERENCE ISSUES**

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (the “Forest Society”), by and through its attorneys, BCM Environmental & Land Law, PLLC, submits this Memorandum to identify issues to address during the Track 2 Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for April 28. This Memorandum is intended to assist the orderly process by raising for consideration and discussion the following issues during the Track 2 Pre-hearing Conference, and to be addressed in the report and order that will be issued afterwards. This memo does not seek to establish a comprehensive list of all issues. Also, the Forest Society notes as in its’ Track 1 Pre-hearing Memorandum, that the resolution of issues for Track 2 should not be dispositive of those same issues with respect to Track 3: Intervenor witnesses. In support, the Forest Society states as follows:

**ISSUES**

1. **Hearing & Deliberation Dates.** Since the SEC December 19, 2017 Notice of Final Adjudicative Hearings issued, some adjudicative hearing dates have been deleted and new dates added. Inclusion of a comprehensive list in the Track 2 Pre-hearing Conference Report & Order of all dates now reserved would be helpful for Parties.

2. **Conclusion Time of Hearing Days.** As with Track 1, we anticipate hearing days will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude within the same time range of 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for all of the same reasons discussed during the first prehearing conference. It would be helpful for all parties for this to be confirmed.

3. **Certain Track 3 Issues.** The SEC Report of Pre-hearing Conference dated April 12, 2017 (the “Report”) states that the Applicant shall “file its witness list and witness schedule for the balance of its case-in-chief by April 28, 2017.” The Report further states that a third prehearing conference will be held to establish the order and scheduling for all parties other than the Applicant. While we understand that the Applicant’s witness schedule will likely dictate the available days left for the other parties, with the summer months fast approaching and vacation schedules to contend with, the sooner the third prehearing conference can be scheduled the greater the ability for all to plan accordingly. Waiting to determine and resolve the Track 3 witness order and scheduling until Track 2 has concluded is problematic from a logistical and planning perspective. It is very likely, given the current reserved hearing dates that Track 2 hearings will flow directly into Track 3. Accordingly, holding the Track 3 pre-hearing conference, perhaps on May 4, a date already reserved or soon thereafter would afford all parties an opportunity to plan.

4. **Public Interest.** No Order yet identifies the Public Interest Standard as being part of all tracks. The Forest Society respectfully requests this be clarified in the Track 2 Pre-hearing Conference Report & Order.

5. **Public Comment.** The Report states that two half days will be scheduled for public comment. It would be helpful to identify whether those days will occur during track 2, or Track 3, or both.

6. As stated above, this is not an exclusive list of issues, but will hopefully prove useful for assisting the discussion in the upcoming Pre-Hearing Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS**

By its Attorneys,  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this day, April 24, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Memorandum was sent by electronic mail to persons named on the Service List of this docket.



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