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By Electronic Mail and First-Class Mail

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

Re:

Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of

New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I have enclosed Dixville Capital, LLC and Balsams Resort Holdings, LLC Support of the Applicant's Motion for Additional Hearing Dates and Extended Hours.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,
Mrs Pelivan

Mark E. Beliveau

MEB/kmd Enclosure

cc: SEC, 2015-06 Master Service List, Revised 6.20.17 (by email)

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SEC DOCKET NO. 2015-06

JOINT APPLICATION OF NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION LLC & PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY

DIXVILLE CAPITAL, LLC AND BALSAMS RESORT HOLDINGS, LLC SUPPORT OF THE APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL HEARING DATES AND EXTENDED HOURS

Intervenors Dixville Capital, LLC ("<u>Dixville Capital</u>") and Balsams Resort Holdings, LLC ("<u>BRH</u>") by and through their undersigned counsel hereby support Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (jointly the "Applicants") Motion for Additional Hearing Dates and Extended Hours, dated June 23, 2017 (the "<u>Motion</u>"), stating as follows:

- 1. On October 19, 2015, the Applicants filed their Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC").
- 2. On June 15, 2016, the SEC extended the statutory time period to issue a decision on the above referenced Application by approximately 9 months, to September 30, 2017, citing the need to ensure full and timely consideration of the Project. The SEC concluded that establishing September 30, 2017 as the date by which a final decision would issue "will assure that the delay does not become undue or unreasonable."
- 3. In order to accommodate the remaining witnesses for the Applicants and the witnesses for Public Counsel and Intervenors, the Applicants' Motion requests an additional 15 days of hearing between July and the early part of September, the extension of time each day during which hearings are held and the option for evening sessions.

4. Dixville Capital and BRH support the Applicant's Motion and believe it is a fair

and reasonable request considering the circumstances described in the Motion and the fact that

the statutory time frame of 1 year to issue a decision has already been extended by approximately

9 months.

5. The benefits associated with the Applicants' Project are numerous, including

increased energy capacity, increased renewable energy production, reduction of CO² emissions,

and job creation associated with the Project's construction. Further, the Forward NH Plan, which

BRH has benefited from to date, is slated to support the sectors of clean energy innovation,

economic development, community investment and tourism. These combined benefits will not

be realized until such time that the SEC process concludes and the Project is able to advance.

WHEREFORE, Intervenors Dixville Capital, LLC and Balsams Resort Holdings, LLC,

respectfully request that the Presiding Officer:

A. Grant the Applicants Motion, dated June 23, 2017, in its entirety; and

B. Grant such further and other relief as may be just and appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dixville Capital, LLC and

Balsams Resort Holdings, LLC

By their attorneys,

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Dated: June **1**, 2017

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this <u>39</u> day of June, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing Objection to be served by electronic mail on persons designated on the Service List of this Docket.

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