

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**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

**COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC’S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INCREASE BUDGETS  
FOR CONSULTANTS (ASSENTED TO)**

Counsel for the Public, by his attorneys, the Office of the Attorney General and Primmer Piper Eggleston and Cramer PC, hereby moves, with the assent of the Applicants, pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, V, for leave to increase the budget for the fees and costs of the Brattle Group (“Brattle”), Kavet, Rockler & Associates LLC (“Kavet Rockler”), Dewberry and TJ Boyle & Associates (“TJ Boyle”) (together as the “Consultants”), in the additional amounts described herein. In support hereof, Counsel for the Public respectfully represents as follows:

1. On October 19, 2015, Applicants submitted a Joint Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (the “Application”) to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (the “Committee” or “SEC”) to construct a 192-mile transmission line to run through New Hampshire from the Canadian border in Pittsburg to Deerfield (the “Project”). The Application with its appendices contains more than 27,000 pages including numerous expert reports and studies. Since the filing, the parties have produced and exchanged tens of thousands of additional documents.

2. On October 28, 2015, the Attorney General appointed Counsel for the Public pursuant to RSA 162-H:9.

3. On May 13, 2016, Counsel for the Public moved the Subcommittee to approve the retention of Brattle, Kavet & Rockler, Dewberry and TJ Boyle to serve as experts on energy market economics, local economics, construction and aesthetics, respectively. Brattle’s budget

was \$751,000. Kavet & Rockler required a budget of \$227,070. Dewberry's budget was \$284,765. TJ Boyle's budget was \$362,502.

4. On May 26, 2016, the Presiding Officer granted the motions to retain and approved the budgets.

5. On April 24, 2017, Counsel for the Public moved the Subcommittee to approve an increase in the budget of Kavet & Rockler by \$100,000.

6. On April 28, 2017, the Presiding Officer granted the motion to increase the budget.

7. Due to the continually evolving nature of this proceeding, the significantly greater number of exhibits and filings than expected, and the large number of hearing days that have necessitated a recent six-month extension of the procedural schedule, the scope of work for Counsel for the Public's expert witnesses has expanded beyond the original budget estimates. Accordingly, Counsel for the Public requests the specific budget increases for each of the listed experts as follows.

8. Counsel for the Public requests an increase in Brattle's budget in the amount of \$90,000. Brattle's increased budget is caused by: (a) unexpected scope to review and respond to London Economics International, LLC's ("LEI") second report; (b) unexpected scope to analyze the Applicants' ability to qualify and clear the Forward Capacity Market; and (c) the surprising results of the Forward Capacity Auction.

9. Counsel for the Public requests an increase in Kavet & Rockler's budget in the amount of \$31,065. Kavet & Rockler's increased budget is caused by new areas of analysis presented by the Applicants' witnesses that could not have been anticipated, such as the introduction of economic impacts from climate change in New Hampshire that LEI added to its

supplemental testimony, a new analysis of McKenna's Purchase by Dr. Chalmers, and a new analysis of a transmission lines in Estes Park by Mr. Nichols.

10. Counsel for the Public requests an increase in Dewberry's budget in the amount of \$45,790. Dewberry's increased budget is caused by having to write two separate reports on two separate deadlines (one for underground and one for overhead), having to attend a significantly greater number of technical session and hearing days than anticipated, and having to read and review the resulting additional number of transcripts to prepare for cross examination.

11. Counsel for the Public requests an increase in TJ Boyle's budget in the amount of \$29,000. TJ Boyle's increased budget is due to the extended and evolving nature of the case, which has created an unanticipated expansion of scope.

12. Counsel for the Public has discussed the increased budgets with the Applicants and the Applicants have agreed to the additional amounts requested by this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Counsel for the Public prays that the Subcommittee enter an order increasing the budgets of Brattle, Kavet & Rockler, Dewberry and TJ Boyle as requested herein and grant such other relief as may be just.

**The Applicants' Position:**

Consent

**The Following Parties Concur in this Motion:**

NGO Intervenors  
Municipal Group 2  
Municipal Group 1 North  
Brad and Daryl Thompson  
Municipal Group 3 South  
Whitefield to Bethlehem Abutting Landowners  
Deerfield Abutting Landowners  
Grafton County Commissioners  
Ashland to Deerfield Non-Abutting Landowners  
Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee  
Historic Preservation Intervenors  
Non-Abutting Landowners Stark to Bethlehem

**The Following Parties Object to this Motion:**


**The Following Parties Take No Position on this Motion:**

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INCREASE BUDGETS OF CONSULTANTS (ASSENTED TO) has this day been forwarded via e-mail or mail to persons named on the Distribution List of this docket.

Dated: October 20, 2017



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