

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

REPLY TO APPLICANTS' OBJECTION TO MOTION TO
REOPEN THE RECORD

I see in the Docket that several other intervenors have, in the past, submitted a formal "Reply" to an Objection to a Motion. Therefore, because of this project's tremendous importance to the Town of Bethlehem, Cheryl K. Jensen, on behalf of the town, respectfully replies to the Applicants' Objection to the Motion to Reopen the Record.

1. On January 4, 2018, I submitted a motion to reopen the record because we had seen from the developer of the Homewood Suites by Hilton the clearest statement yet – and directly from him – that, if the transition station in Bethlehem isn't moved, it puts the hotel project in jeopardy.
2. On January 9, 2018 the Applicants submitted an Objection to that motion, saying it is not necessary to reopen the record because it is already sufficient for a full consideration of issues relating to the proposed location of Transition Station No.5.
3. The Applicants' Objection states the motion to reopen the record "offers nothing new in any material sense" and says the information is drawn from "unreliable 'evidence' " from Facebook.
4. The Objection ignores the fact that, as I explained in my motion, I did my due diligence by contacting Mr. Rudich and confirming that the statements he made in that Q&A were indeed his and were accurately stated. I would not have taken up the SEC's time with this if I had not confirmed the information from a social media site.

5. As to it not offering something materially new, it is new since it comes directly from Mr. Rudich, the developer, and it is the clearest, most direct statement on this issue.
6. The Objection states "inasmuch as the Applicants have not sought to change the location of Transition Station No.5, it is not necessary to reopen the record." However, that is not the reason I am asking for the record to be reopened and is not the impression I meant to create, if I did.
7. I am asking to reopen the record because, when I testified, the SEC subcommittee members were extremely interested in learning what was happening in regards to the proposed Homewood Suites by Hilton project and the impact not moving Transition Station No.5 would have on the economy and vitality of Bethlehem.
8. This information seems to be necessary to fulfill the subcommittee's request and necessary for a full and fair hearing on the matter, which has implications for Bethlehem's economic future and the orderly development of the region.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Presiding Officer:

- A. Grant the Motion to Reopen the Record; and
- B. Grant such further relief as is deemed just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 9, 2018

I hereby certify that on this day a copy of this Motion has been forwarded to all parties on the Distribution List and a copy will be put in the mail to the SEC.