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August 21, 2015

Martin Honigberg, Chairman  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a/ Eversource Energy: Joint Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New High Voltage Electric Transmission Line in New Hampshire – Notice of Public Information Session**

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a/ Eversource Energy intend to submit an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility in connection with the Northern Pass Transmission Project – a proposed 192-mile transmission line, with a capacity of approximately 1,000 MW, from the Canadian border in Pittsburg, New Hampshire to a substation located in Deerfield, New Hampshire. In connection with that application, and in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I enclose copies of the Notice of Public Information Sessions scheduled to take place September 2, 2015 in Concord, September 3, 2015 in Deerfield, September 8, 2015 in Lincoln, September 9, 2015 in Whitefield and September 10, 2015 in Laconia. I also attach my Affidavit attesting to the publication of the Notice.

Please open a new docket in connection with this matter. If you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barry Needleman

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Enclosures

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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 for the Construction of a New High Voltage Electric Transmission Line in New Hampshire

SEC DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT OF BARRY NEEDLEMAN**

I, Barry Needleman, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Director at McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, Professional Association, which represents Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy in the above-captioned matter.
2. Northern Pass Transmission LLC ("NPT") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") propose to construct an approximately 192-mile electric transmission line, with a capacity of approximately 1,000 MW, from the Canadian border in Pittsburg, New Hampshire to a substation located in Deerfield, New Hampshire. The proposed facility will be located in Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Dixville, Millsfield, Dummer, Stark, Northumberland, Lancaster, Whitefield, Dalton, Bethlehem, Sugar Hill, Franconia, Easton, Woodstock, Thornton, Campton, Plymouth, Ashland, Bridgewater, New Hampton, Bristol, Hill, Franklin, Northfield, Canterbury, Concord, Pembroke, Allenstown, and Deerfield, New Hampshire.
3. RSA 162-H:10 requires that NPT and Eversource, as applicants for a Certificate of Site and Facility, hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing an Application with the Site Evaluation Committee. In addition, the statute requires that no less than 14 days before the

public information session, the Applicant must publish a Public Notice in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the session will be held.

4. The Statute further requires that not less than 10 days before such session, NPT and Eversource must provide a copy of the public notice to the chairperson of the Site Evaluation Committee.

5. In accordance with the Statute, a consolidated notice for the Public Information Sessions in Merrimack, Rockingham, Grafton, Coös and Belknap Counties was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader, a newspaper of regular circulation in each county, on August 19, 2015. The notice was published not less than 14 days before the first of the five Public Information Sessions, which is scheduled for September 2, 2015 in Concord.

6. A copy of the Notice of Public Information Sessions for each County is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

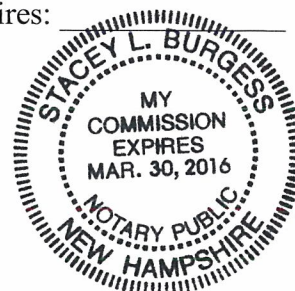
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Date

Barry Needleman  
Barry Needleman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015, the above-described Barry Needleman, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Stacey L. Burgess  
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



## **EXHIBIT A**

## Letters

### Sununu, Kenney should be excommunicated

To the Editor: I admire your Sunday News "A Callous Insult" editorial explaining that federal and state dollars for Planned Parenthood should be stopped not because Planned Parenthood is under federal investigation for selling aborted baby parts, but for no other reason than because paying for abortions is not the role of a government that truly cares for all.

In conjunction with this role, I hereby call upon Bishop Libasci to now publicly excommunicate Catholic Executive Councilors Joseph Kenney and Chris Sununu for having voted to state-fund abortions with contracts to providers other than Planned Parenthood in Concord and Greenland, thus depriving babies of their right to life, both temporal and eternal.

WARREN GODDARD  
Portsmouth

### Practices at Planned Parenthood are disturbing

To the Editor: The focus recently has been on Planned Parenthood, and specifically a series of YouTube videos, "business meetings," between Planned Parenthood officials and David Daleiden (Center for Medical Progress). When these videos

came to light, Planned Parenthood senior officials, many in the news media, and a number of our state officials decided the fact that these were edited videos that inaccurately depict what occurs in Planned Parenthood clinics.

After viewing an edited version of a meeting between Daleiden and Dr. Deborah Nucatola, senior director of medical services, I found it compelling enough to then watch the entire, unedited version. What I witnessed was a very disturbing, two-hour conversation on ways in which abortion procedures could be modified to provide "suitable" fetal limbs, organs and intact cadavers for a price.

At 1:41:28 into the video, Dr. Nucatola casually discusses her use of "dig" in late-term abortions (a process where a combination of digoxin and potassium chloride is injected through the woman's abdomen, and into the fetal heart, to bring about fetal demise and lessen the chance of a live delivery). It was very disturbing to watch Dr. Nucatola discuss this as casually as a dentist injecting novocain for a tooth extraction.

At a time where "progressives" decry lethal injection for convicted murderers, I challenge Sen. Shaheen, Gov. Hassan, Councilors Van Osten and Pappas to

view all of these videos in their entirety. Then tell your constituents why you want to support Planned Parenthood with their tax dollars.

JOSEPH and EILEEN HOODLEY  
East Wakefield

### Fund thanks Ayotte for PAWS Act support

To the Editor: The Humane Society Legislative Fund expresses its thanks to Sen. Kelly Ayotte for sponsoring the Pet and Women Safety (PAWS) Act, to protect human and animal victims of domestic violence.

For abusers, harming or threatening to harm a beloved dog or cat is a way of exerting control and intimidation, trading on the victim's emotional connection with a pet, and using that love as a lever to prevent an escape from an abusive and sometimes life-threatening situation. In one study, between 71 and 83 percent of women entering domestic violence shelters reported that their partners had threatened, injured or killed the family pet.

Many battered women remain in dangerous situations rather than leave a beloved pet behind with an abusive spouse or partner, and only 3 percent of domestic violence shelters nationwide currently allow pets. The PAWS Act would help domestic violence shelters make accommoda-

tions for victims' pets, keeping endangered women and their pets both safe and together.

Sen. Ayotte is also the author of the Present All Sporting Tactics Act — to stop a small class of Tennessee Walking horse trainers from injuring the feet of the animals to cause them to stop higher during performance shows. We are grateful to Sen. Ayotte for leading on two major animal welfare issues, helping animals and making our communities safer.

MICHAEL MARKARIAN  
President, Humane Society Legislative Fund  
Washington, D.C.

### Government borrowing eats into Social Security

To the Editor: Any banking employee can tell you that a bank can add to its assets by lending money, not by borrowing it. However, our government, in its rush to public giving, seems to have missed that!

To date, Congress has borrowed \$2.5 trillion from the Social Security Trust Fund. This is money that millions of working men and women have contributed over a lifetime to assist them in a secure retirement. Because of this "loan," each

recipient is denied an additional \$70 each month. That is \$840 a year they will never see of their own money. It has to affect the U.S. economy. Also, it is an indirect tax suffered by all. Why can't the Social Security Trust Fund be locked up?

To give you some idea of the enormity of the federal debt, if you began to count from one and each \$1,000 represented one second, how many years would it take you to reach the last \$1,000 of the \$18 trillion? About 600,000 years!

N.L. STODDARD  
Hampton

### 40 Days for Life campaign coming to Manchester

To the Editor: The conflict between leading abortion provider Planned Parenthood and pro-life Christians isn't a disagreement among

citizens. Planned Parenthood isn't a person — it's a \$1.3 billion corporation with friends in high places.

The good news is that Christians have a more powerful and better-connected CEO, and 40 Days for Life will be appealing to Him through prayer, vigil and fasting, from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1. With God's help, 40 Days for Life activities have spared more than 10,000 babies from abortion and converted 118 abortion workers.

To learn more, please join us at the 40 Days for Life fall campaign kickoff in Manchester at Ste. Marie Parish Hall, 478 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, or visit 40daysforlife.com/Manchester.

STEPHEN SCAER  
111 E. Hobart St.  
Nashua

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We ask letter writers to observe these rules: Letters should be no longer than 250 words and addressed to the Publisher or Editor. Longer letters will be edited or rejected.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### 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 for the Construction of a New High-Voltage Electric Transmission Line in New Hampshire

Northern Pass Transmission LLC ("NPT") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") will hold public information sessions to present information regarding an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility ("Application") to construct and operate a new high-voltage electric transmission line in New Hampshire. The proposed facility involves construction of an approximately 192-mile transmission line, with a capacity of approximately 1,000 MW, from the Canadian border in Pittsburg, New Hampshire to a substation located in Deerfield, New Hampshire, comprising a 158.3-mile, +/-320 kV direct current (DC) segment and a 33.7-mile, 345 kV alternating current (AC) segment. Approximately 60.3 miles will be located underground in public roads in three separate segments. The overhead portion of the proposed facility includes approximately 32 miles of transmission line located in new right-of-way (ROW) and 99.5 miles located in existing ROW already occupied by other transmission lines. Six transition stations will be installed at points where the transmission line transitions between overhead and underground, and a converter terminal will be located in Franklin, New Hampshire to convert electricity from DC to AC.

The DC segment will follow new ROW from (1) the Canadian border to a point in Pittsburg (traveling overhead for a distance of approximately 2.1 miles), (2) transition to underground in Pittsburg to a point in Clarksville (for a distance of approximately 7 miles), (3) transition to overhead within Clarksville (for a distance of approximately 2.3 miles), (4) transition back to underground in Clarksville primarily along municipal and state roads to a point in Stewartstown (for a distance of approximately 7.5 miles), (5) run overhead from Stewartstown, through Dixville and Millsfield, on new ROW to a point in Dummer (for a distance of approximately 27.6 miles), (6) continue overhead along existing transmission line ROW in Dummer, through Stark, Northumberland, Lancaster, Whitefield, and Dalton, to a point in Bethlehem (for a distance of approximately 40.4 miles), (7) transition to underground in Bethlehem along state roads, through Sugar Hill, Franconia, Easton, Woodstock, Thornton, Campton, and Plymouth, to a point in Bridgewater (for a distance of approximately 52.3 miles), (8) transition in Bridgewater back to overhead along existing ROW occupied by existing transmission lines, through Ashland, New Hampton, Bridgewater, Bristol, and Hill to the converter terminal in Franklin (for a distance of approximately 25.4 miles), and (9) the AC segment will proceed along existing transmission line ROW from Franklin, through Northfield, Canterbury, Concord, Pembroke, and Allenstown, to an Eversource substation in Deerfield (for a distance of approximately 33.7 miles).

Portions of existing Eversource transmission and distribution lines collocated with the DC segment and with the AC segment will be rebuilt to accommodate the proposed facility. In addition, in order for the proposed facility to reliably interconnect with the New England transmission system, NPT and Eversource anticipate modification or replacement of a limited number of structures for existing transmission lines that traverse an area between Deerfield Substation in Deerfield, New Hampshire, and Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Those transmission lines are located in the towns of Deerfield, Raymond, Candia, Chester, Auburn, and Londonderry. Both substations will also be expanded.

NPT and Eversource will soon file their Application with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"). RSA 162-H:10 requires that an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at least 30 days prior to filing the Application. In accordance with the statute, NPT and Eversource will hold the following public information sessions:

- For Merrimack County on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at the Grappone Conference Center, 7 Constitution Avenue, Concord
- For Rockingham County on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at the Deerfield Fair Pavilion, 34 Stage Road, Deerfield
- For Grafton County on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Mountain Club on Lion Resort and Spa, 90 Lion Mountain Road, Lincoln
- For Coös County on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield
- For Belknap County on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at the Lake Opechee Inn and Spa, 62 Doris Ray Court, Laconia

At each session, information will be presented regarding the proposed facility, and the public will have the opportunity to provide comments and to ask questions. Consistent with past SEC practice, members of the public will be asked to submit their questions in writing, and the questions will be addressed. The public will then be permitted to provide oral comments. A time limit on each commenter may be imposed depending on turnout. All comments will be transcribed. Written comments may be submitted at any point during the evening. The transcript and written comments will be submitted to the SEC along with the Application.

The approximate schedule for each session is as follows:

Open House: 5:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Public Information Session  
Project Overview—6:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
Questions & Answers—6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Public Comments—7:30 PM to 10:30 PM

As noted above, an open house will immediately precede and run concurrently with the public information session. During the open house, representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions.