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

March 17, 2016

ORDER AND NOTICE CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DESIGNATING A PRESIDING OFFICER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct a Prehearing Conference on March 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and, if needed, on March 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 172 N Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire.

Background

On October 19, 2015, Northern Pass Transmission, LLC, and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively Applicant) submitted an Application to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (Committee) for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) to construct a 192-mile transmission line. The transmission line is proposed to have a capacity rating of up to 1,090 MW, and to run through New Hampshire from the Canadian border in Pittsburg to Deerfield.

Further information regarding the Application and the proposed Project is available at the Office of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee located at:

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

or at the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

Change in Location of Prehearing Conference And Appointment of Presiding Officer

On December 22, 2015, a Procedural Order was issued in this docket, scheduling a prehearing conference on March 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and, **if needed**, on March 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH. Due to space constraints, the location of the prehearing conference has been changed to the **Holiday Inn, 172 N Main Street in Concord, New Hampshire**. Pursuant to RSA 162-H:4, V and the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Site 202.10(b), I hereby designate Counsel to the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, Esq., to serve as the presiding officer at the prehearing conference.

A prehearing conference is an informal proceeding at which the parties to the docket may discuss the issues including, but not limited to: the conduct of discovery and technical sessions; offers of settlement or agreement on any issue; methods to simplify the issues in dispute; stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof by consent of the parties; changes to standard procedures by consent of the parties; limitations on the number of witnesses or scope of discovery; consolidation of witnesses; the filing of the testimony of witnesses; and any other matter that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

The Applicant, Counsel for the Public, and the intervenors¹ shall attend the prehearing conference.

The parking space is limited. Carpooling is encouraged.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire, will conduct a prehearing conference in this docket on March 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

¹ An order on the pending intervention petitions will be issued by Friday, March 18, 2016.

and, **if needed**, on March 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 172 N Main Street in Concord, New Hampshire; and

It is hereby ordered, that Counsel to the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, Esq., shall serve as the presiding officer at the prehearing conference.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this seventeenth day of March, 2016.

Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee