

**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**

April 22, 2016

TEMPORARY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This Order establishes the temporary procedural schedule in this docket.

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.

On November 2, 2015, pursuant to RSA 162-H:4-a, the Chair of the Committee appointed a Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to consider the Application.

On December 7, 2015, the Subcommittee reviewed the Application. The Subcommittee determined that the Application contained sufficient information to satisfy the application requirements of each state agency having jurisdiction under state or federal law to regulate any aspect of the construction or operation of the proposed facility. *See* RSA 162-H:7, IV. The Subcommittee also made an independent determination that the Application contains sufficient

information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H. *See* RSA 162-H:7, III; Order Accepting Application (December 18, 2015).

On December 22, 2016, the Presiding Officer issued a Procedural Order (Order) establishing the date, time and location of the public information sessions required to be conducted pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-a. The Order also set-forth the timeframes for filing motions to intervene and objections thereto, and established a date for the prehearing conference.

On March 22, 2016, the prehearing conference was held in Concord, NH. On April 6, 2016, Counsel to the Committee issued a Report of the Prehearing Conference (Report) and it was posted to the Committee's website. In the Report, it was noted that the parties could not reach agreement with respect to scheduling of discovery or agreement on an overall schedule. RSA 162-H:4, V, provides that the presiding officer may decide procedural matters, including, among other things, procedural and discovery schedules. To keep this matter moving while some other preliminary matters are still being considered by the Subcommittee, I find that it is appropriate to issue a temporary procedural schedule.

Procedural Order

The following temporary procedural schedule shall apply:

1. On or before May 13, 2016, Counsel for the Public shall file all motions pertaining to the employment of experts and/or consultants under RSA 162-H:10, V;
2. Counsel for the Public shall propound data requests upon the Applicants on or before May 13, 2016;
3. The Applicant shall respond to data requests propounded by Counsel for the Public on or before June 13, 2016;
4. Municipal Groups of Intervenors, City of Franklin and City of Berlin, Grafton County Commissioners, Non-Governmental Organizations Intervenors, Business and Organizations with Economic Interests Intervenors, Pemigewasset River Local

Advisory Committee, and NEPGA shall propound data requests upon the Applicants on or before May 20, 2016;

5. The Applicant shall respond to data requests propounded by Municipal Groups of Intervenor, City of Franklin and City of Berlin, Grafton County Commissioner, Non-Governmental Organizations Intervenor, Business and Organizations with Economic Interests Intervenor, Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, and NEPGA on or before June 20, 2016;
6. All other Intervenor Groups and individual Intervenor shall propound data requests upon the Applicants on or before May 23, 2016; and
7. The Applicant shall respond to data requests propounded by all other Intervenor Groups and individual Intervenor on or before June 22, 2016.

A copy of this Temporary Procedural Order shall be provided to the Applicant and to all parties in accordance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Site 202.07.

SO ORDERED this twenty-second day of April, 2016 by the Site Evaluation Committee.



Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee

