

**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**

May 4, 2016

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
HEARING ON PENDING MOTIONS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire will conduct (i) a Hearing on Pending Motions on May 19, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire; and (ii) a Public Hearing on May 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

Introduction

This Order and Notice schedules a hearing on pending motions and a public hearing.

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 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.

Hearing on Motions

A hearing on pending motions in this docket will be conducted on May 19, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

During the hearing, the Subcommittee will consider the following motions:

- Applicant's Request for Partial Waivers Under the Newly Adopted SEC Rules;
- Counsel for the Public's Partially Assented-to Motion to Suspend the Time Frame Established Under RSA 162-H:7;
- Partially Assented-to Motion of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to Suspend Time Frame for Public Interest; and
- Any other matter lawfully before the Subcommittee.

During the hearing, the Subcommittee will deliberate on the Applicant's request to partially waive Site Evaluation Committee's regulations. The Subcommittee will allow the parties that filed written motions and/or objections addressing requests to suspend the time frame established under RSA 162-H:7 to supplement their written motion or objection with oral arguments, if necessary. Thereafter, the Subcommittee will consider and deliberate on the requests to suspend the time frame established under RSA 162-H:7.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing in this docket will be conducted on May 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

On March 1, 2016, the Presiding Officer issued an Order on Pending Motions requiring the Subcommittee to hold two additional public hearings pursuant to authority granted in RSA 162-H:4, II. The purpose of the first of the two Public Hearings is to receive public comments on the additional information filed by the Applicant on February 26, 2016. The additional information was required in response to amendments, adopted by the Committee, to the NH CODE OF ADMIN. RULES, Site 100-300. Therefore, at the Public Hearing, public comments will be limited to issues presented by the additional information filed by the Applicant.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire, will conduct a hearing on pending motions on May 19, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire; and

It is hereby further ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire, will conduct a public hearing on May 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this fourth day of May, 2016.



Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee