

**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**

June 15, 2016

ORDER ON MOTION TO RESCHEDULE DEADLINES FOR DATA REQUESTS

I. 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, sometimes referred to herein as the Project, 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 April 22, 2016, a Temporary Procedural Schedule was issued. Under the Temporary Procedural Schedule, the following parties were required to submit their data requests by the following dates:

- May 20, 2016 - 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; and
- May 23, 2016 - all other Intervenor Groups and individual Intervenors.

On May 16, 2016, the Subcommittee received a progress report from the Department of Environmental Services. The Department of Environmental Services identified draft permit conditions and requested that the Applicant provide additional documentation.

On May 19, 2016, the Subcommittee conducted a public hearing. During the hearing, the Subcommittee received an oral motion from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (Forest Society) to postpone the deadlines established for the data requests in light of the Department of Environmental Services' documents request. This Order memorializes the Subcommittee's decision on the request to reschedule deadlines for data requests.

II. Position of the Parties

The Forest Society argues that it needs additional time to prepare and propound data requests upon the Applicant in order to address requests for documents made by the Department of Environmental Services and to avoid duplicity of requests. A number of the parties concurred with the Forest Society's request.

The Applicant originally objected to the requests for additional time for data requests, but then agreed to the following extensions of the deadlines for data requests:

- Data requests from 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 – extension from May 20 to May 31, 2016; and
- Data requests from all other Intervenor Groups and individual Intervenors – extension from May 23 to June 7, 2016.

The Forest Society and other Intervenors present at the public hearing agreed to the extension offered by the Applicant.

III. Analysis and Findings

Considering the agreement of the parties to extend the deadlines for data requests and the Subcommittee's decision to suspend the 365-day deadline to September 30, 2017, the Subcommittee finds it reasonable and in the public interest to extend the deadline for data requests that are due on May 20 to May 31, 2016, and the deadline for the data requests that are due on May 23 to June 7, 2016.

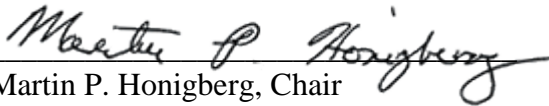
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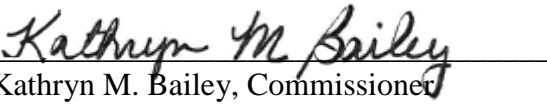
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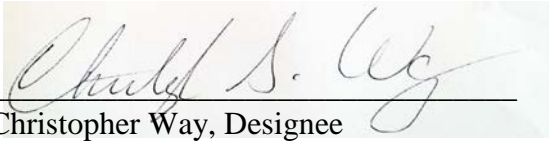
It is hereby further ordered that Municipal Groups of Intervenors, City of Franklin and City of Berlin, Grafton County Commissioners, Non-Governmental Organizations Intervenors, Business and Organizations with Economic Interests Intervenors, Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, and NEPGA shall propound their data requests upon the Applicant on or before May 31, 2016; and


It is hereby further ordered that all other Intervenor Groups and individual Intervenors shall propound their data requests upon the Applicant on or before June 7, 2016.

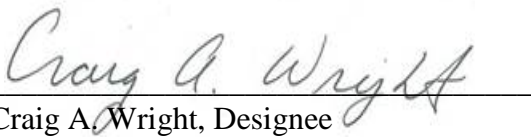
SO ORDERED this fifteenth day of June, 2016 by the Site Evaluation Subcommittee:

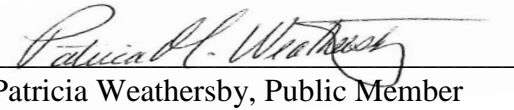

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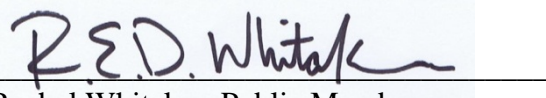

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