

June 22, 2016

### VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

> RE: 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 for Construction of a New High Voltage Transmission Line in New Hampshire

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee is the Partially-Assented to Motion of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and City of Concord for Rehearing on Order on Motion for Protective and Confidential Treatment of May 25, 2016.

Copies of this letter and its enclosure have this date been forwarded via email to all parties on the Distribution List.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Nicole M. Manteau Office Manager

/nmm Enclosure

cc: Distribution List (Rev. 6/9/2016) via email

Client



## 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

# PARTIALLY-ASSENTED TO MOTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS AND CITY OF CONCORD FOR REHEARING ON ORDER ON MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF MAY 25, 2016

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (the "Forest Society"), by and through its attorneys, BCM Environmental & Land Law, PLLC, and the City of Concord ("Concord"), by and through its Deputy City Solicitor, Danielle L. Pacik (collectively, "Movant"), move to rehear the Subcommittee of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee's ("Subcommittee") May 25, 2016 Order ("Order") granting Northern Pass Transmission, LLC's, and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's (collectively, "Applicant") Motion for Protective and Confidential Treatment, and state as follows:

- 1. Movant, as parties to this proceeding, may move for rehearing of the Order. RSA 162-H:11; RSAs 541:2 and :3; N.H. Admin R. Site 202.29(a). Reconsideration is justified when the Committee's decision is unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious." N.H. Admin R. Site 202.29(d) (1) and (2). The Subcommittee is authorized to grant a rehearing request for "good cause." RSA 541:3.
- 2. In the Order, the Subcommittee granted Applicants' Motion to protect and preserve the confidentiality of the information which was redacted from Julia Frayer's pre-filed

testimony and report titled "Cost-Benefit and Local Economic Impact Analysis of Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project."

- 3. Not providing the redacted information to the parties and the public fails to meet the statutory objective set forth in RSA 162-H:1 of providing "full and complete disclosure to the public."
- 4. The public benefits of the disclosure of redacted information outweigh the competitive interests of the Applicant.
- 5. The potential availability of this information by entering into a confidentiality agreement does not cure the failure; such requirement does not amount to "full and complete disclosure."
  - 6. Accordingly, the Order is unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious.
- 7. Movant incorporates by reference all prior arguments and statements they have made in support of full disclosure of the information, including the Objection Of The Society For the Protection of New Hampshire Forests To Applicants' Unassented-To Motion For Protective Order and Confidential Treatment City Of Concord's Response And Partial Objection To Motion For Protective Order And Confidential Treatment, both dated April 7, 2016.
  - 8. The following parties take the following positions with respect to this request:

#### a. Concur

North Country Scenic Byways Council
Neil Lupton and Claire Lupton
Town of Dalton
Non-Governmental Organizations Group of Appalachian Mountain Club,
Conservation Law Foundation, Sierra Club Chapter of New Hampshire, and
Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust
Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
New England Power Generators Association

Town of Pittsburg

Town of Clarksville

Town of Stewartstown

Coos County

Brigitte White and Tim White

R. Eric and Margaret Jones

Susan E, Percy for Percy Summer Club

Kris Pastoriza

**Easton Conservation Commission** 

Susan Schibanoff

**Grafton County Commissioners** 

Kevin Spencer

Mark Lagasse, dba Lagaspence Realty, LLC

Town of Northumberland

Town of Whitefield.

Town of Plymouth

Town of Bethlehem

Town of Sugar Hill

Town of Franconia

Town of Easton

Town of Bristol

Town of Littleton

Town of Woodstock

Town of West Ashland

Town of South Ashland

Town of New Hampton

Town of Deerfield

Town of Sugar Hill

Phil & Joan Bilodeau

Abutting Property Owners: Dalton –Whitefield- Bethlehem, which include the following individuals:

Jim and Judy Ramsdell

Bruce and Sondra Brekke

Donald and Betty Gooden

David Van Houten

Abutting Property Owners: Pittsburg-Clarksville-Stewartstown, which include the following individuals:

Charles and Donna Jordan

Sally A. Zankowski

Jon and Lori Levesque

Roderick and Donna McAllaster

Lynne Placey

Arlene Placey

Brad and Daryl Thompson

**David Schrier** 

#### Nancy L. Dodge

Abutting Property Owners: Ashland-Deerfield, which include the following individuals:

Carol Currier

Mary A. Lee

Craig and Corinne Pullen

McKenna's Purchase Unit Owners Association

Taras and Marta Kucman

Kelly Normandea

Laura M. Bonk

Non-Abutting Property Owners: Ashland-Deerfield, which include the following individuals:

Joanna and Robert Tuveson

Nina and Elisha Gray

Rodney and Laura Felgate

The Webster Family Group

Lawrence and Maxine Phillips

Lisa Wolford

Pamela Hanglin

F. Maureen Quinn

Madelyn and Thomas Foulkes

Jean M. Menanrd, managing member of Pawtuckaway View, LLC

Non-Abutting Property Owners: Clarksville and Stewartstown, which include the following individuals:

Robert Martin

Roderick C. Moore, Jr.

Joseph John Dunlap

Shawn Patrick Brady

Christopher Thompson

E. Martin Kaufman

Bradley J. Thompson

John Petrofsky on behalf of 44 residents of Stewartstown and East

Colebrook (Dixville Notch-Harvey Swell)

Non-Abutting Property Owners: Stark-Lancaaster-Whitefiled-Dalton-Bethlehem, which include the following individuals:

John Davidge for Prospect Farm-Lancaster, LLC

Rebecca Weeks Sherril More for Weeks Lancaster Trust

Mark W. and Susan Orzeck

Linda Upham-Bornstein

Richard McGinnis

Frederick Fitts

Gerald and Vivian Roy

Edward Piatek

Frank and Kate Lombardi Marsha Lombardi Wendy Doran Alexandra and James Dannis Andrew Dodge

b. Object

Applicants

c. Take No Position

Cities of Berlin and Franklin

The remainder of the parties did not respond to a request for their position.

WHEREFORE, the Forest Society and City of Concord respectfully request that the Committee:

- A. Grant this Motion;
- B. Expeditiously schedule a rehearing on the Applicants' Unassented–to Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment; and
  - C. Grant such further relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

## SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS

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By its Deputy City Solicitor,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this day, June 22, 2016, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Rehearing on Order on Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment of May 25, 2016 was sent by electronic mail to persons named on the Service List of this docket.

Amy Manzelli, Esq.