

**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**

July 21, 2016

**ORDER ON PARTIALLY ASSENTED TO MOTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS TO
EXTEND DEADLINE**

This Order grants the Partially Assented to Motion of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (Forest Society) to Extend Deadline which was filed on July 18, 2016.

I. Background

On October 19, 2015, Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, the 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 June 23, 2016, a procedural order was issued in this docket. Pursuant to the procedural order, the Applicant was required to respond to data requests propounded by the Forest Society, the Municipal Group intervenors, the Cities of Franklin and Berlin, the Grafton County Commissioners, Non-Governmental Organization intervenors, the Business and Organizations with Economic Interests, the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee and the New England Power Generators Association, Inc. (NEPGA), on or before July 8, 2016.

In the instant motion, the Forest Society, on behalf of itself and the above listed intervenors, request that the deadline be extended to Monday, August 1, 2016. The Forest Society asserts that such an extension is necessary for the Forest Society and the intervenors to negotiate confidentiality agreements with the Applicant for certain information that has been rendered confidential by an order of the Committee dated May 25, 2016. The Forest Society and the intervenors are concerned that the delay in resolving confidentiality issues and obtaining confidential material will eliminate the ability of the Forest Society and intervenors to comply with N.H. Administrative Rule Site 202.12(k)(2) governing the filings of motions to compel which, under the circumstances in this matter, would normally be construed to be July 18, 2016.


The Forest Society reports that the Applicant concurs in the request, as do the balance of the intervenors that they were able to contact. (The Cities of Franklin and Berlin take no position, however.)

II. Analysis

The motion makes a reasonable request for an extension of the deadline. Granting the motion will assist the parties in resolving discovery issues and completing discovery in a prompt and orderly manner. Therefore, the motion is granted.

It is hereby ordered that the Forest Society, the Municipal Group intervenors, the Cities of Franklin and Berlin, the Grafton County Commissioners, the Non-Governmental Organizations, the Business and Organizations with Economic Interests, the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee and NEPGA are hereby granted an extension until Monday, August 1, 2016, to file any motion to compel that may be necessary with respect to data requests that the parties propounded on or before May 31, 2016.

Dated: July 21, 2016



Martin Honigberg, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee