

**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**

September 15, 2016

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO POSTPONE TECHNICAL SESSION

On August 25 and September 14, 2016, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) filed motions to postpone the technical session scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2016. On that date, Julia Frayer is scheduled to appear as a witness at the technical session. Ms. Frayer is a partner and a managing director of London Economics International LLC (“LEI”). She provided testimony regarding modeling of the economic and environmental impacts of the proposed transmission line that is the subject of this docket. SPNHF seeks to postpone the technical session because one of its consultants is unable to be present.

Prior to the filing of the motion, SPNHF and the Applicant consulted with the Administrator for the Committee. They were encouraged to find a mutually agreeable date for rescheduling the technical session. The Applicant responded to the August 25 motion to postpone indicating that it had no objection to rescheduling so long as the technical session occurred prior to October 4, 2016, and at a time when Ms. Frayer is available. Unfortunately the parties were not able to identify a date when Ms. Frayer, SPNHF’s consultant, and the parties would be available before October 4.

The scheduling of the technical sessions consumed considerable time for the Committee Staff and required all of the parties to dedicate a significant amount of time to scheduling and

preparing for the technical sessions that are being conducted throughout the month of September 2016. Postponing the technical session with Ms. Frayer would unfairly delay the process for all parties. Therefore, the motions to postpone the Frayer technical session are denied.

In the interests of accommodating SPNHF's consultant, however, SPNHF shall be permitted to video and audio record the technical session to be reviewed by SPNHF's consultant. If after reviewing the recording, SPNHF's consultant still has questions for Ms. Frayer, SPNHF shall notify parties and the Administrator of the nature of the remaining questions. At that time an additional technical session may be scheduled, by teleconference if necessary.

So ordered.

September 15, 2016



Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman
Presiding Officer