

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**

April 5, 2017

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SITE VISITS AND HEARING
ON PENDING MOTIONS**

This order and notice postpones two days of site visits due to the weather and schedules a hearing on pending motions.

Site Visits. The Subcommittee conducted site visits in this docket on March 7, 8, 14, and 16, 2016. On January 31, 2017, Counsel for the Public filed a Motion for Additional Site Inspections. An Order was issued providing for two additional days of site visits on March 1, 2017. By Order dated March 30, 2017, the additional site visits were scheduled for April 6-7, 2017. The March 30 Order also provided for the scheduling of a third day of site visits to take place when certain roads are accessible later in the spring.

The National Weather Service is predicting significant rain on Thursday, April 6, continuing into Friday. The parties and the Site Evaluation Committee Administrator have determined that the site visits should be postponed and rescheduled.

Pending Motions. There are three pending motions that should be considered by the full Subcommittee. The first is a Motion for Reconsideration of the denial of a Petition to Intervene filed by Sabbow and Co. (Sabbow). The Order denying Sabbow's Petition was issued on January 5, 2017. On January 11, Sabbow timely filed a Motion for Reconsideration to which Applicant objected on January 20, 2017.

The second is a motion filed on March 29, 2017, by Municipal Groups 1 South, 2, 3 South and 3 North to Temporarily Suspend Deliberations pursuant to RSA 162-H:14. The moving parties filed an Addendum on March 30. On March 31, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests filed a Notice of Joinder. The Applicant filed an Objection to the Motion on March 31, 2017.

The third motion was filed on March 31, 2017, by the Abutting Property Owners, Bethlehem to Plymouth Intervenor Group. It is a Motion to Compel the Applicant to Provide Requested Information, and to Suspend the Time Frame for Supplemental Testimony and Adjudicative Hearings.

The Subcommittee will consider all three motions on Thursday April 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at 49 Donovan Street, Concord, New Hampshire. During the Subcommittee's deliberations, testimony will not be taken and oral argument will not be heard.


ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the site visits presently scheduled for April 6, and April 7, 2017, are postponed and will be rescheduled; and

It is hereby further ordered, that the Subcommittee will meet to deliberate on Sabbow's Motion for Reconsideration; Municipal Groups 1 South, 2, 3 South and 3 North's Motion to Temporarily Suspend Deliberations; and the Abutting Property Owners, Bethlehem to Plymouth Intervenor Group's Motion to Suspend the Time Frame for Supplemental Testimony and Adjudicative Hearings on Thursday April 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at 49 Donovan Street, Concord, New Hampshire; and

It is hereby further ordered that a copy of this Order and Notice shall be provided to the service list in this docket, posted to the Committee's website and posted in at the office of the Department of Environmental Services, and at the office of the Public Utilities Commission.

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this fifth day of April, 2017.



Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer