

**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 28, 2017

**ORDER GRANTING COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
INCREASE BUDGETS FOR KAVET, ROCKLER & ASSOCIATES AND
ARROWWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL**

I. Background

On May 13, 2016, Counsel for the Public requested approval to retain: (i) Kavet, Rockler & Associates, LLC, to consult on local economic issues; and (ii) Arrowwood Environmental to consult on natural environment issues. On May 26, 2016, the Presiding Officer granted the request and approved a budget for Kavet, Rockler in the amount of \$227,070 and a budget for Arrowwood Environmental in the amount of \$142,654.

On April 24, 2017, Counsel for the Public filed an Assented-To Motion for Leave to Increase Budgets for Kavet, Rockler & Associates and Arrowwood Environmental. The Applicant assented to the requested relief. No party objected.

II. Analysis and Findings

In his motion, Counsel for the Public explains that this docket involves an unusually large number of discovery documents as well as a large number of parties. The unanticipated complexity of the docket contributed to an underestimation of the need for expert assistance. The budgets approved for Kavet, Rockler and Arrowwood Environmental were insufficient. Counsel for the Public asks the Subcommittee to increase the budget for the fees and costs of

Kavet, Rockler in an additional amount up to \$100,000 and to increase the budget for the fees of Arrowwood Environmental in an additional amount up to \$13,500.

Counsel for the Public's request is reasonable. At the time of retention, Kavet, Rockler and Arrowwood Environmental could not anticipate the additional costs that would not be covered by the initially approved budgets. The additional funds requested by Counsel for the Public for the completion of the consultative and expert services are appropriate under the circumstances.

Accordingly, Counsel for the Public's Motion is granted. Subject to the conditions in prior orders, the Applicant shall pay for the services of Kavet, Rockler & Associates, LLC, as invoiced, in an additional amount not to exceed \$100,000; and for the services of Arrowwood Environmental, as invoiced, in an additional amount not to exceed \$13,500.

SO ORDERED this twenty-eighth day of April, 2017 by the Site Evaluation Subcommittee:



Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee