

**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**

December 19, 2017

**ORDER ON COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC'S MOTION
TO AMEND SCHEDULE**

This Order grants Counsel for the Public's Motion to Amend the schedule in this docket and set the deadline for filing final briefs.

I. Background

On September 12, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued, requiring Counsel for the Public and the intervenors to file their closing briefs within 14 calendar days of closing the record and the Applicant to file its reply brief within 7 calendar days thereafter.

On November 30, 2017, Counsel for the Public filed a Motion to Amend the Schedule. Fourteen of the intervenors concurred. The Applicant filed a response.

II. Analysis

CFP requested what amounts to an extension of time to file briefs. Based on the current schedule of hearings, the record will close no later than December 22, 2017. CFP requested that the deadline for CFP's and the intervenors' briefs be set as January 12, 2018, and the deadline for Applicants' brief be set as January 19, 2018.

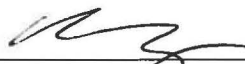
Should the record close after December 22, 2017, CFP requests that the deadline for briefs be set according to the Procedural Order, but not earlier than January 12, 2018, for CFP and the Intervenors and January 19, 2018, for the Applicants.

In support of the motion, CFP asserts that the upcoming state holidays and the need to establish the final exhibit list will limit the ability of the parties to adequately brief the issues.

The Applicants responded that they do not necessarily object to the extended briefing deadlines, so long as the Subcommittee begins its deliberations no later than January 30, 2018. However, the Applicant requests that if the Subcommittee is of the opinion it cannot grant CFP's motion and maintain the January 30, 2018, start of deliberations, then the Applicants object to the motion.

The motion to amend the briefing schedule makes a reasonable suggestion and is granted. Assuming that the record closes¹ on December 22 or earlier, CFP and the intervenors shall file their final briefs by January 12, 2018. The Applicant's reply brief is due by January 19, 2018. Should the record close after December 22, briefs will be filed according to the September 12, 2017, Order but not earlier than January 12, 2018, for CFP and the Intervenors and January 19, 2018, for the Applicants. All of the final briefs shall be filed by e-mail to: pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov and shall be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on the specified date.

SO ORDERED this nineteenth day of December, 2017



Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding Officer
Site Evaluation Committee

¹ "The site evaluation committee shall consider and weigh all evidence presented at public hearings and shall consider and weigh written information and reports submitted to it by members of the public before, during, and subsequent to the public hearings but *prior* to the closing of the record of the proceeding." RSA 162-H:10, III.