

**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**

March 13, 2018

ORDER SUSPENDING DECISION

On October 19, 2015, Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility with the Site Evaluation Committee. The Applicant seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction, and operation of a 192-mile transmission line and associated facilities with a capacity rating of up to 1,090 megawatts (MW) from the Canadian border in Pittsburg in Coos County to Deerfield in Rockingham County.

As authorized by statute, a Subcommittee was appointed to hear and consider the evidence for and against the Application. Following over seventy days of adjudicative hearings, the Subcommittee voted to deny the Application. As of the date of this order, the Subcommittee has not issued a written order on its deliberations under RSA 541-A:35.

On February 28, 2018, the Applicant filed a “Motion for Rehearing and Request to Vacate Decision of February 1, 2018, and Resume Incomplete Deliberations.”

On March 12, 2017, the Subcommittee held a public hearing on the pending motion and voted to suspend the decision.

RSA 541:5 provides that upon filing a motion for rehearing, the Subcommittee “shall within ten days either grant or deny the same, or suspend the order or decision complained of pending further consideration.” *See also* N.H. CODE ADMIN. RULES Site 202.29(e). Any order of suspension may be upon such terms and conditions as the Subcommittee may prescribe. *Id.* In a

case like this, where the Subcommittee voted to deny the application, “suspending” that decision has little practical effect as the Applicant does not have approval and may not proceed with its project.

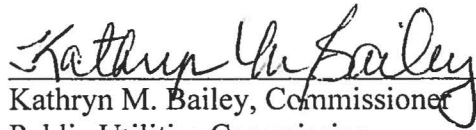
In an effort to put in place an orderly process for considering post-decision motions for rehearing, the decision of the Subcommittee as voted on February 1, 2018, to deny the Application is suspended on the following terms:

1. The Subcommittee will issue its written order under RSA 541-A:35 when it is completed and signed by the Subcommittee members;
2. Once the written order is issued, any party seeking rehearing under RSA 541 shall comply with the statutory requirements for filing motions for rehearing. Objections shall be filed within 10 days of filing of the motion for rehearing; and
3. A hearing to deliberate on all motions for rehearing and any other relief sought will be scheduled after the deadline for objections. A notice of the time, date and location of the hearing to deliberate will be issued.

SO ORDERED this thirteenth day of March, 2018.



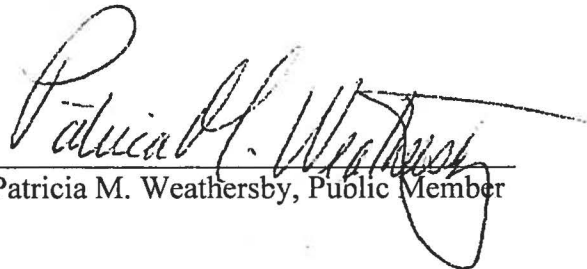
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