

For your consideration in advance of the prehearing conference tomorrow, please see attached a proposed procedural schedule from the Forest Society.

This schedule spans roughly two years. Therefore, the SEC will need to exercise its authority pursuant to RSA 162-H:14 to temporarily suspend its timeframe for the public interest. The public interest in this case is allowing parties to focus on the substance of the application given the unprecedented scale of this docket, both in terms of the scope of the proposed development, and in terms of the number of parties. One illustrative example is with respect to technical sessions. For over 20 parties to engage in technical sessions with Northern Pass's over 20 witnesses, at least a couple of months will be required. Even that will be a challenge.

This proposed schedule has most deadlines occurring on the last weekday of every month, for a steady pace through to the SEC's decision. Four exceptions, each of which has a two-month period, are: (1) Additional public hearings & SEC ruling on intervention (following "appeals"); (2) Technical sessions with Applicants' witnesses; (3) Technical sessions with witnesses for intervenors and Counsel for the Public; and (4) Adjudicative hearing & Site Visits in 5 counties.

I think the attached is a realistic schedule for this matter. It ought to allow us to focus on the substance of the case. The statutory timeframe is not suitable for the unprecedented scale of this project. If the schedule is set within the statutory timeframe, we run the risk of continually having to petition the SEC to extend timeframes. This will needlessly divert efforts and resources towards maintaining the schedule, rather than focus on the substance.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Regards,
Amy

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

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE OF
THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS**

April & May, 2016:

Two additional public hearings;
“Appeals” of intervention decision;
SEC rules on intervention “appeals”

April 29, 2016:

Objections to Applicants’ Waiver Requests
and Request for Confidential Treatment of
Financial Report

May 31, 2016:

Committee rules on the Applicants’
Requests for Waivers and for Confidential
Treatment of Financial Report

June 30, 2016:

State agencies shall report progress, draft
permits and draft conditions

July 29, 2016:

Intervenors and Counsel for the Public
propound data requests

August 31, 2016:

Applicants’ response to data requests

September & October, 2016:

Technical sessions with App. witnesses

December 31, 2016:

Pre-filed testimony of intervenors and
Counsel for the Public

January 31, 2017:

Applicants’ propound data requests

February 28, 2017:

Responses to Applicants’ data requests

March & April, 2017:

Technical sessions with witnesses for
intervenors and Counsel for the Public

April 28, 2017:

State agencies - final permits and conditions

May 31, 2017:

Supp. pre-filed testimony from all parties

June 30, 2017:

Pre-hearing motions, stipulated facts, etc.

July, 2017:

Final pre-hearing conference

August & September, 2017:

Adjudicative hearing
Site Visits in 5 counties

November, 2017:

Deliberations and decision