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Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Ms. Monroe,

This letter is in regards to the Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) procedural conference and timetable for consideration of the Northern Pass Project. BAE Systems strongly urges the SEC to abide by the 12 month procedural timeline established in statute.

BAE Systems has consistently called for a timely review of the Northern Pass project, most recently at the public hearing last week in Deerfield. A timely and efficient regulatory review of the Northern Pass Project is of utmost importance to our state, given the unmistakably critical need for reliable supplies of clean, low-cost energy for businesses and consumers. The public interest is not served by unnecessary delays, particularly at the outset of the process.

One year is ample time for the SEC to conduct a thorough, transparent, fact-based adjudication of the Northern Pass project – with significant opportunity for meaningful public input and participation – as set forth by the recently revamped laws and regulations governing such proceedings. Any action by the SEC to lengthen and make unpredictable the regulatory environment for this, and therefore future energy development projects, will send the wrong signal to developers with possible solutions to our energy crisis. Moreover, such actions will signal to New Hampshire businesses, and those looking to start or relocate a business in the state, that New Hampshire lacks the sense of urgency needed to address high energy costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Markwardt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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