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Martin Honigberg, Chairman
Pamela Monroe, Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
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RE: NH 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

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

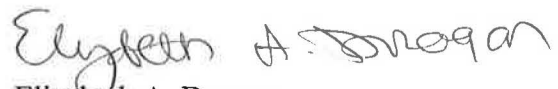
On May 19, 2016, the Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"), through its subcommittee, deliberated regarding the proposed procedural schedule for the adjudication of the present application for a Certificate of Site and Facility and determined that it would issue an order on the application by September of 2017. This represents a delay of roughly nine months when compared to the 365-day time frame established under RSA 162-H:7. The City of Franklin urges the subcommittee to reconsider its decision.

Delaying the issuance of an order in this matter, and in turn delaying the entirety of this proceeding, by nine months would have a detrimental impact on the City of Franklin. The NPT's projected property value in Franklin will substantially increase the city's tax base. As a result, the City of Franklin will receive a significant, positive benefit from the proposed project. Specifically, the City of Franklin stands to receive tax benefits in the first year estimated in a range of up to \$7 million. A nine-month delay in the evaluation of this project negatively impacts the City of Franklin by delaying the city's receipt of this transformational, positive benefit.

The negative impact that the nine-month delay will have on the city cannot be understated. To be clear, the City of Franklin is cognizant of the nature of the proposed project and the need to ensure that this application receives the appropriate time and attention necessary to render a complete determination regarding whether a certificate should issue. However, these considerations need to be balanced with the timely and efficient evaluation of energy projects as well as the negative impact that delaying the proposed project's benefits will have on individuals.

The City of Franklin has had an opportunity to review the Applicants' Motion to Adopt Procedural Schedule, filed May 31, 2016, and the city believes that the content of that motion and the relief sought strikes a more effective balance between the competing considerations in this matter. The City of Franklin respectfully requests that the subcommittee reconsider its May 19, 2016 determination regarding the nine-month delay in the evaluation of this application and that Chairman Honigberg adopt the Applicant's proposed procedural schedule attached to its May 31, 2016 motion. Thank you for your attention with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Dragon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Elizabeth A. Dragon
City Manager

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