

February 13, 2017

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

Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-16, Northern Pass Transmission -- Eversource

Dear Ms. Monroe:

A little over a year ago, we, on behalf of a group of New Hampshire companies, petitioned the Site Evaluation Committee to grant us full intervention status in the proceedings for the above named matter.

In our petition, dated February 1, 2016, we noted that our companies employ thousands of people in New Hampshire, that we are large energy consumers, and that we are greatly concerned with the decreasing availability of low-cost, reliable electricity in New England and New Hampshire. We petitioned to intervene because we believe Northern Pass will bring lower cost energy to our region, and remove a major obstacle to our region's economic competitiveness.

In its order dated March 18, 2016, the SEC denied our motion to intervene, stating our interests "do not represent the kind of substantial interests that warrant participation as an intervenor" and that our concerns "will be adequately addressed by the overall process."

Late fall, representatives of our companies met with Counsel for the Public (CFP), Mr. Roth, to discuss our interests and concerns. These interests are high energy costs, the impact these high costs are having on our businesses and economy, and the need for more energy infrastructure such as Northern Pass.

However, in CFP's pre-filed testimony, we don't see any mention of the issues we raised in our meetings. From our vantage point, it does not appear that CFP sees it as part of his role to advance our interests. Without a strong voice and advocate, we are concerned that our interests are not being addressed "by the overall process."

We seek guidance from the SEC about what options we have to ensure our interests are considered when the SEC deliberates and votes on this matter.



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