

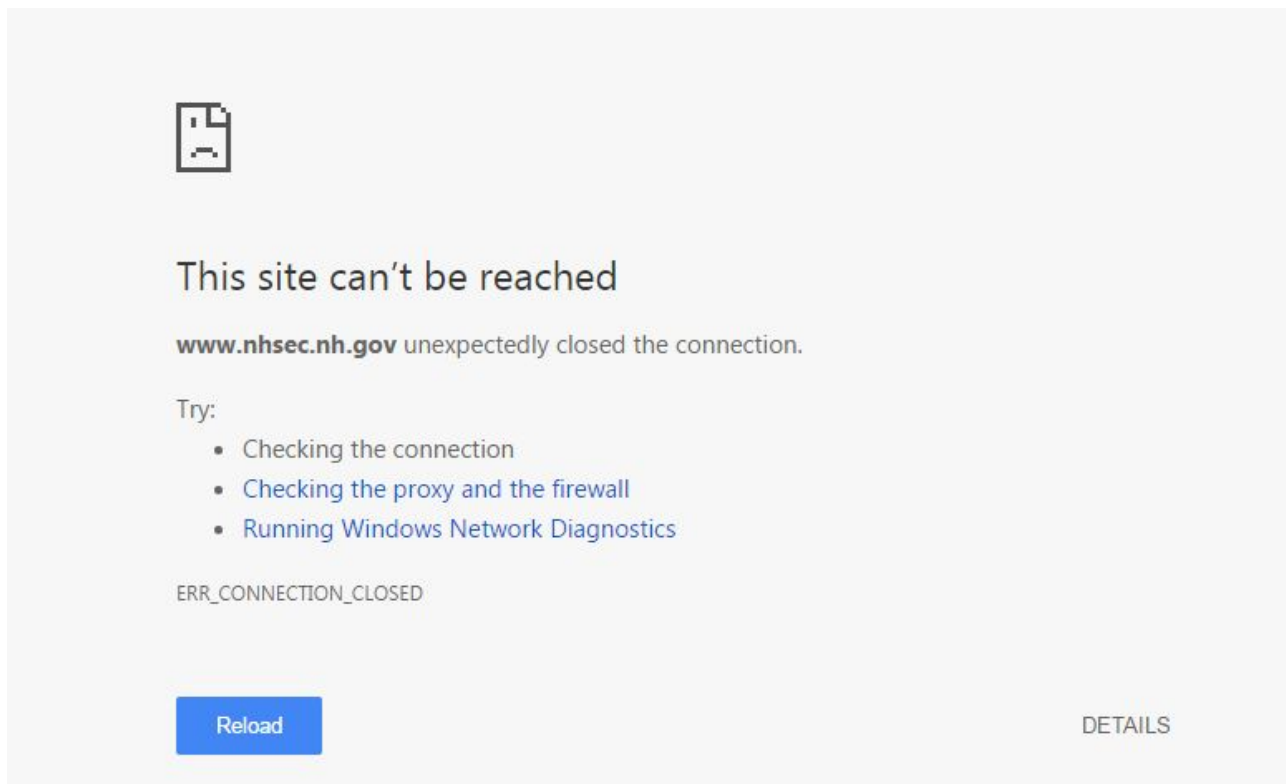
The New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee has no standards for public access to digital documents. The massive size of the Northern Pass application on the SEC site created access issues from the start. The SEC administrator divided inaccessible files into smaller ones only when requested by individuals, and one can still spend hours downloading unlabeled documents and searching through them for information on a particular town. When a document is too large to download, the site will often become unavailable.

Northern Pass has its own ShareFile site, where documents regarding technical sessions are posted. This site is also plagued with access issues. The majority of the data on the site is unlabeled, and looking for a particular document means entering a maze of nested folders and files. Most of these are not labeled for content or date and some are simply empty. The site is succeeding in its apparent goal of hindering access.

Requests for improvements have met with no response. Northern Pass knows a formal Motion is required, one will not be made because the intervenors are too busy looking for the data in time for the next deadline. Since the SEC has no standards for electronic access, a Motion to Compel access would, in any case, be useless.

New Hampshire has laws requiring handicapped access to buildings, but apparently no laws ensuring access for all to digital documents on state sites. Those without fiber and/or extreme patience and dedication are out in the cold.

These access issues are not considered worthy of attention by the SEC. There should be standards economic justice by which New Hampshire's state agencies must abide.



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