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

Re: NH SEC Docket 2015-06 Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Dear Ms. Monroe:

This letter is to inform the committee that the City of Concord, Intervenor in the above-referenced matter, is withdrawing a witness in opposition of the Applicant's request for a Certificate of Site and Facility, effective as of January 10, 2017.

The City filed the pre-filed testimony of Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager for the City of Concord, on November 15, 2016. The City of Concord will be withdrawing his testimony due to the travel schedule of Mr. Baía, as well as because many of the concerns raised in his testimony are already addressed in the pre-filed testimony submitted by other witnesses.

Heather Shank, City Planner for the City of Concord, will be adopting the following portions of Mr. Baía's testimony:

The City of Concord is concerned about the development impact of the proposed Northern Pass transmission structures in the Gateway Performance District. The Gateway Performance District was established to provide for well designed, large scale developments that "are expected to adhere to high standards for appearance in order to ensure that the gateways to the City are attractive and functional." (Concord Zoning Ordinance 28-2-2(b)(11)). The proposed Northern Pass corridor would install a new line across Loudon Road and significant structures through the heart of the Gateway

Performance District. The Steeplegate Mall, with its 53 acres of property, represents the single commercial largest property within the district. The addition of new 125' tall structures and transmission line within a few hundred feet of the Mall's main entrance drive may exacerbate the Mall's challenge to attract new tenants.

Another area of concern is the impact of the Northern Pass project on the future of abutting residential development at 33 Old Loudon Road.

The remaining testimony of Mr. Baia is withdrawn. To avoid any doubt, Mr. Baia will no longer be a witness in this proceeding. Any questions at the upcoming technical sessions regarding the impacts on the Gateway Performance District discussed in the above-referenced testimony may be directed to Ms. Shank.

If you should have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please feel free to contact our office at 225-8505.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLP', with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

Danielle L. Pacik
Deputy City Solicitor

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