

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2015-06

RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY
NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION, LLC – EVERSOURCE ENERGY

SUPPLEMENTAL PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF JOSHUA OLSON

April 15, 2017

1 Q. Please state your name.

2 A. Joshua Olson

3 Q. What is your interest in this proceeding?

4 A. My father and mother and I are intervenors in this proceeding. Through
5 family trusts we own over 1000 acres of real estate in Dummer, New Hampshire.
6 Our properties are directly impacted by the facility that the Applicants have
7 proposed to build in this proceeding all as described in my father, Eric Olson's
8 November 15, 2016 Pre-filed Testimony which has been marked as DNA Exhibit 12.

9 Q. What is your occupation?

10 A. For the past 20 years I have worked with my father in our family
11 development and construction business that we operate out of Rindge, NH where we
12 specialize in higher end residential property development and construction both in
13 New Hampshire and in Massachusetts. We identify and purchase prospective
14 development properties, obtain local subdivision and site approvals, prepare the
15 sites for new home construction, build the homes and sell them.

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2 Q. What is your purpose in filing this Supplemental Pre-filed Testimony?

3 A. The purpose is to confirm that I have adopted my father's pre-filed
4 testimony marked as Exhibit DNA 12 and to authenticate fifteen (15) photographs
5 of our Dummer property and the notations thereon that have been marked as
6 Exhibits DNA 14 through DNA 28. I also want to authenticate a copy of the
7 easement deed that our predecessors in title gave to PSNH more than 66 years ago
8 for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electric power to the North Country
9 of New Hampshire.

10 Q. Please describe the photographs marked as Exhibits DNA 14 through
11 DNA 28.

12 A. The photograph marked as Exhibit DNA 14 accurately shows the view of
13 Long Mountain from the residence that we built on our Stark property. It is a good
14 representation of the magnificent views of the Great North Woods that can be seen
15 in all directions from points of high ground on our property. Based on my
16 knowledge of the terrain, several of the much taller towers proposed to be
17 constructed by Northern pass would damage this view. Exhibit DNA 15
18 demonstrates that the views to the west from our property run from Lake Christine
19 in Stark all the way to the mountains of Vermont, including the ski area at Burke
20 Mountain. Again numerous Northern Pass towers would be visible in this view if
21 this project is ever built. Exhibit DNA 16 shows one of the private roads that we
22 have upgraded and built through our Stark property with the purpose in mind of

1 developing high end home sites on the property. DNA Exhibit 17 shows one of the
2 views from the driveway of our home that would be obstructed by the towers that
3 Northern pass says it want to build across our property. DNA Exhibits 18 and 19
4 show the home that we built on our Dummer property. That home is entirely off
5 the grid and has views from Maine to Vermont. The views to the North and West
6 would be impacted and obstructed with literally dozens of new Northern Pass
7 structures if the project is built. Exhibit DNA 20 shows views of the Percy Peaks to
8 the west that would also be impaired with new metal structures for Northern Pass
9 and the taller structures replacing the existing wooden ones used by the Coos Loop.
10 Exhibit DNA 21 shows a typical home site on one of the subdivided lots on our
11 Stark Property. That site would have been considered a prime location for
12 development before Northern Pass came along. Now the plans for higher structures
13 have substantially degraded the potential for that homesite location and it won't be
14 developed until we know with certainty that Northern Pass cannot be built. Exhibit
15 22 shows some of the more than 15 miles of trails that we have cut and maintained
16 on the property for recreational purposes. These trails would have been available
17 for use by all owners in our development if it had gone forward. Exhibits DNA 23
18 through DNA 27 show winter scenes along the existing PSNH Coos Loop right of
19 way crossing our property. In these exhibits, numerous wetland areas, springs and
20 streams can be seen running through the existing right of way. These highly
21 vulnerable wetlands will be substantially damaged or destroyed by the heavy
22 equipment necessary for construction of the Northern Pass project as it must be

1 deployed along new roads that Northern Pass plans to build under the existing
2 power line on our property. Exhibit DNA 28 is a winter scene again showing Long
3 Mountain from our property. As mentioned, numerous new transmission towers
4 would obstruct this view if the project were built.

Q. Do you also wish to authenticate an easement deed?

A. Yes. The deed attached to this supplemental testimony as Appendix 1 is a true copy of an easement deed that PSNH produced in its proceedings docketed at DE 15-464 before the NH PUC seeking PUC permission to lease a portion of the Coos Loop and other property interests to Northern Pass. The easement deed copied at Appendix 1 states that it was recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Coos County on November 7, 1949 in Book 374 at Page 8. Based on our knowledge, the easement deed copied at Appendix 1 is the one that encumbers our property and defines PSNH's rights and obligations in its use and maintenance of the Coos Loop on our property.

Q. Does that conclude your supplemental pre-filed testimony?

A. Yes.

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that this testimony is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Joshua Olson

Joshua Olson

Appendix 1

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That I, Lewis A. Lovejoy.....

of Milan.....County of Coos.....

in the State of New Hampshire.....
 (hereinafter called the grantor) in consideration of one dollar and other valuable considerations paid by the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, a corporation having a principal place of business at Manchester, in the County of Hillsborough, and the State of New Hampshire (hereinafter called the grantee), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the grantee, its successors and assigns, the right to erect, repair, maintain, rebuild, operate and patrol electric transmission and distribution lines, consisting of suitable and sufficient poles and towers, with suitable foundations, together with wires strung upon and extending between the same, for the transmission of electric current, together with all necessary cross-arms, braces, anchors, wires and guys, over and across a strip of land, 150..... feet in width being a part of the lands owned by the grantor in the town of Dummer.....and county of Coos....., bounded and described as follows:

Lot #72 and lot #61 in township of Dummer, County of Coos, State of New Hampshire.

Being a part of the same premises described in deed of ... Oda R. Wentworth
to ... Lewis A. Lovejoy ... dated ... August 29, 1928 ... and recorded in
the ... Coos ... County Registry of Deeds, Book ... 248
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Said .150 .foot strip of land across the above described premises shall extend ... 75 ... feet on each side
of a center line bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the fence on the westerly boundary of the Grantor's
land, at land of H. Woodward, said point being two hundred thirty-eight feet
(238') northerly along the fence from a corner, thence running south seventy-
three degrees east (S73°E), five thousand eight hundred nineteen feet (5819')
to the easterly boundary line at land of the Brown Company.

*Also being a part of the same premises described in deed of Annie F. Trafton
to Lewis A. Lovejoy, dated May 25, 1940, and recorded in the Coos County Registry
of Deeds, Book 307, Page 134.

This deed is given without consideration to correct an error in the description
of the land crossed in the deed of Lewis A. Lovejoy to Public Service Company of
New Hampshire dated May 23, 1946 and recorded in Coos County Registry of Deeds,
Book 346 Page 331. Said deed listed the land as being in Milan instead of Dummer.

This conveyance shall include (1) the right to cut, trim and remove all trees and underbrush, and to remove all structures or obstructions, which are now or may hereafter be found within the limits of the above described right of way strip and (2) the right to remove from the premises of the grantor above described such trees as in the judgment of the grantee may interfere with or endanger said lines or their operation.

All timber and wood cut by the grantee hereunder shall remain the property of the grantor; but the grantee, by accepting this deed, agrees to cut said timber into 2-14-16 foot lengths and said wood into . 4 . . . foot lengths.

And the parties hereto, by delivering and accepting this deed, agree that all agreements, understandings and negotiations, written or verbal, heretofore made or entered into by the parties hereto or their representatives with respect to this conveyance are hereby waived and cancelled, and that there are no agreements, promises, representations or understandings with respect to this conveyance not herein mentioned.

To have and to hold to the grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

The grantor covenants and agrees that he has full right, title and authority to convey the foregoing rights and privileges and will defend same to said grantee against the lawful claims or demands of all persons.

And I, Edith M. Lovejoy, wife of said Lewis A. Lovejoy hereby release all my rights of dower in the foregoing premises so far as affected by this conveyance.

~~All contents of this record are exempt from release under the provisions of~~

WITNESS our hands and seals this 18th day of October, 1949

In the presence of

T. Emery Smith
to both

Leona J. Luzzo
Edith M. Luzzo

Edith M. Longley

The State of New Hampshire

Cost

SS.

Oct 18

1949

Lewis A. Lovejoy

Edith M. Lovejoy

personally appeared and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be.....*their*..... voluntary act and deed.
Before me, *TR* *D. H.*

T. Emory Smith

~~Justice of the Peace~~
Notary Public

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~~personally appeared and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to~~
~~be~~ ~~voluntary act and deed.~~
 Before me,

~~Justice of the Peace~~
~~Notary Public~~

✓ Dummer

chg

note:
only one L.S.
T m m.

COOS COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS,

Received Nov. 7, 9 AM 1949

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Examined, Attest:-

Phelma Morse Murphy Register.
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Per Pub. Serv. Manufacturer
J. H. D. Beauchamp