

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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**

**SUPPLEMENTAL PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF LISE MORAN ON BEHALF  
OF THE TOWN OF WHITEFIELD**

**APRIL 17, 2017**

1 **Supplemental Testimony**

2 **Q. What is your professional background?**

3 A. I graduated from Briarcliff College, Briarcliff Manor, NY in 1974 with a B.A. in  
4 Art History. My four-year program included painting, sculpture and architecture study.  
5 Due to my ever-increasing interest in saving, restoring and retrofitting older buildings, I enrolled  
6 in the M.A. program in Historic Preservation at Plymouth State University in January 2012 and  
7 graduated with a 3.94 average in May of 2014. My program of study included many field trips  
8 and site visits all through the state of New Hampshire as well as classroom study in Concord, NH  
9 at the graduate center on Pillsbury Street.

10 Four courses are particularly important in evaluating buildings are: HPR 5310 Historic Methods  
11 and Materials of Construction, HPR 5320 Building Investigation and Evaluation particularly as  
12 well as HPR 5200 Rural Cultural Environment, Architecture and Landscape, and HPR 5300  
13 Historic Preservation Methods and Documentation. These courses help to value a building for  
14 its materials, architectural style and how these structures help to form the historic content and  
15 fabric of the community. The structures we studied included barns, bridges, houses, railroad  
16 depots, school dormitories, mill buildings, churches and the scenic vistas that surround them.  
17 I also attended the Historic New England field school in 2013 in Berwick, Maine for assessing  
18 historic buildings, as well as the 2014 Historic New England field school on how to formulate  
19 preservation easements.

20 While living in Vermont, I attended the 2016 Preservation Trust of Vermont Conference in  
21 Waterbury, VT on Historic Preservation and Downtowns. My other work in Vermont included a

1 written assessment of the Dennison House on the campus of Grace Cottage Hospital in  
2 Townshend, VT to the Chairman of the hospital after the conditions statement was completed by  
3 the engineering firm.

4 For the past two years after graduation, I worked on two houses in Lancaster, NH. I inventoried  
5 The House of Seven Gables, 129 Main Street, Lancaster, NH and it has been nominated for the  
6 NH State Register. The determination of eligibility has been granted by the committee and I am  
7 awaiting the signature of the owner so that it can be placed on the Register. The historic  
8 documentation included maps, photographs, drawings and a historical narrative which defends  
9 the integrity of the house and why it was significant historically and architecturally.

10 The other house I worked on and just completed was The Kent House at 133 Main Street,  
11 Lancaster, NH. It too has been inventoried and has been nominated the NH State Register. This  
12 house also has been granted a determination of eligibility and is awaiting the signatures of the  
13 owners. The houses will be placed in the database of historic houses in the State of New  
14 Hampshire.

15 As of May 2014, I have been a Board Member of The New York Landmarks Conservancy, One  
16 Whitehall Street, New York, NY. I serve on the subcommittee that handles grants, and challenge  
17 grants for religious properties throughout the state of New York. \$9.3 million dollars has been  
18 given to 750 religious properties in the past 30 years. Board members attend lectures, panel  
19 discussions, architectural exhibits, and go on field trips that pertain to restoration, zoning, and  
20 planning.

1 I have also served on the committee that manages the Van Cortlandt House Museum in Bronx,  
2 NY. We serve as stewards to keep this 1784 property in good shape and raise money for the  
3 maintenance of this house.

4 **Q. Would you like to supplement your testimony regarding the Mountain View**  
5 **Grand Resort and Spa?**

6 A. Yes. In defense of my letter from the Whitefield Historical Society to Mr. Drew,  
7 attached to my previously filed testimony as Exhibit A, I have a number of items to discuss. The  
8 following are documents that defend my letter to Mr. Drew:

9 Forward //NH Plan map of the project as it goes through the town of Whitefield. Tourists go  
10 under these steel structures as they drive on Rt. 3 and Rt. 116 to hotel. Most guests come from  
11 the south in general.

12 Looking at the Official Highway map of the State of NH, it shows the highways of Rt. 3, Rt. 116  
13 and Rt. 142 which will see the tours on these roads that enter Whitefield from the South. See  
14 Appendix \_.

15 Antique brochure of the Mountain View House ca. 1900. See Appendix C.

16 Reconnaissance Study of Whitefield. Five vol. of materials which identify all houses in  
17 Whitefield, done by D. Noble in 1988 including the Mt. View, Kings Square and surrounding  
18 streets. See Appendix D.

19 Draft of the Northern Pass transmission line project, Environmental Impact Statement; Vol.1.  
20 impact analysis, and Vol. 2 Appendices, 2015.

21 Draft of the Northern Pass transmission line project, Impact Summary, 2015

1 There is a current AT&T tower which is 95 feet high, on the property of Bob Stiles, which can  
2 be seen when dining on the porch of Mt. View Grand and from the dining room and the rooms of  
3 the West Wing. Therefore, anything higher will be absolutely be seen when at the resort.  
4 Appendix B to my testimony includes a brochure for the Maintain View House which includes a  
5 description of "breathtaking mountain surroundings." The current ad for the Mountain View  
6 Grand shows a couple with their backs to us sitting on rocking chairs overlooking the spectacular  
7 view to the Franconia range. The ad reads, "Book your reservation now. Casual Elegance.  
8 Stunning View." Appendix B also includes some historical information about the grand old  
9 hotel.

10 **Q. Do you have information about the adverse effects to Kings Square if the**  
11 **project is approved in its current form?**

12 A. Yes. The website [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) has a National Register Glossary of terms. Refer  
13 to definitions of SITE, SETTING, DISTRICT, FEELING, ASSOCIATION, LOCATION and  
14 INTEGRITY which explain how the correlation between a property and what surrounds it, why  
15 it has value due to its setting, etc. Further, the Impact statement from the NH dept. of Historical  
16 Resources report of #5 and #6 show adverse effects on Kings Square. Additionally, the book,  
17 History of Whitefield, by Kim Nilsen, Published by the Town of Whitefield, 1974. pp. 24, 28,  
18 30 refer to for Kings Square, Mt. View and Moran properties, pp. 10-16 for Burns Property. See  
19 Appendix E.

20 **Q. Does this end your testimony?**

21 A. Yes.