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Ms. Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
21 Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Monroe:

We, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chesterfield, support the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by the Towns of Bethlehem, Bristol, Easton, Franconia, Northumberland, Plymouth, Sugar Hill and Whitefield and dated December 19, 2016. The Town concurs with the analysis submitted in the Petition and rejects the idea that a state agency can usurp the specific authority granted to towns by RSA 231:161.

**231:161 Procedure.**

*Any such person, copartnership or corporation desiring to erect or install any such poles, structures, conduits, cables or wires in, under or across any such highway, shall secure a permit or license therefor in accordance with the following procedure:*

*I. Jurisdiction.*

*(a) Town Maintained Highways. Petitions for such permits or licenses concerning town maintained highways shall be addressed to the selectmen of the town in which such highway is located; and they are hereby authorized to delegate all or any part of the powers conferred upon them by the provisions of this section to such agents as they may duly appoint.*

Please accept this letter in support of the Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

Respectfully,  
Chesterfield Board of Selectmen

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Jon McKeon

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Brad Roscoe

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Norman W. VanCor

cc: New Hampshire Municipal Association