

Eversource/NPT's Plan to use the Forward NH Plan as "Public Good": Deny the existence of the real and fundamental (non-monetary) aspects of Public Good, call what would normally be considered financial compensation "Public Good", and drop all damages out of the equation of compensation.

Forward NH Plan is really the Forward NPT Plan.



<http://www.northernpass.us/assets/permits-and-approvals/Petition%20to%20Commence%20Business%20as%20a%20Public%20Utility%20-%20Settlement%20Agreement.pdf>

Allowing NPT to commence business as a public utility in the state of New Hampshire would be for the public good for several key reasons. Primarily, in accordance with historical interpretation of the "public good" standard found at RSA 374:26 and as indicated in the supporting testimony of Michael J. Ausere and Jerry Fortier, NPT has the "technical, managerial and financial expertise" necessary to operate as a public utility. Correspondingly, the scope of jurisdiction provided for in the enclosed Settlement Agreement promotes the public good with respect to important safety, operational and reporting matters, consistent with how other transmission owners operate in New Hampshire. Finally, NPT commits to contributing \$2 million per year over the first ten years of operation for "programs that advance clean energy innovation, community betterment and economic development in the state of New Hampshire, including without limitation the Core Energy Efficiency Programs or successor programs or as part of funds used to finance programs that are part of an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard, as approved by the Commission." NPT intends to provide these funds through the Forward New Hampshire Fund.

For all these reasons, as well as the substantial benefits identified in the SEC Application, approval of the Settlement Agreement and granting the Petition allowing NPT to commence business as a public utility would be for the public good.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"NPT intends to provide these funds through the Forward NH Fund." Kris Pastoriza, 6/11/16