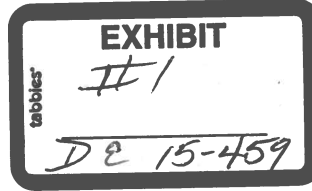


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**Via Hand Delivery**

Martin P. Honigberg, Chairman  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee - Docket No. 2015-06  
Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC ("NPT") and Public Service  
Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") for a  
Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New 1,090 MW Electric  
Transmission Line**

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") in the above-captioned matter, please find a complete, original Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC ("NPT") and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the construction and operation of a proposed electric transmission line with a 1,090 MW transfer rating, extending approximately 192 miles from the Canadian border in Pittsburg, New Hampshire to a substation located in Deerfield, New Hampshire. The line is comprised of a 158.3 mile, +/- 320 kV direct current (DC) segment and a 33.7-mile 345 kV alternating current (AC) segment. Approximately 60.5 miles will be located underground in public roads in three separate segments. We have provided additional Application copies, and delivered them accordingly, consistent with the Committee's October 15, 2015 Order.

In accordance with RSA 162-H:7(V), copies of the Application are being delivered to each host community. In response to our inquiries, numerous host communities expressed their desire to receive the Application in electronic form. If any of these towns or cities later decide they would like all or part of the Application as a hard copy, we will provide it.

To the extent possible, the Project will be constructed in existing transmission rights-of-way ("ROW"). In areas where there is no existing ROW, the Project will be constructed on land owned or leased by Renewable Properties, Inc., an affiliate of NPT. Throughout the route design process, NPT has been committed to working with local communities affected by the Project. In response to public comments regarding potential visual effects, several segments of the Project

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have been routed underground. As designed, the Project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the natural environment, aesthetics, historic or archaeological sites, air or water quality or on public health and safety. In addition to the Application, the Applicants have provided the original comment cards to the Committee from the public information sessions that were held in the five host counties.

In accordance with RSA 162-H:7, the Application includes pre-filed testimony, exhibits, each agency's completed application forms and other information sufficient to satisfy the application requirements of each State agency having jurisdiction, under New Hampshire or federal law, to regulate the construction or operation of the proposed facility.

The Application contains confidential archaeological information, confidential information on the status, location, and distribution of native plant and animal species and natural communities and confidential and proprietary business information. See Appendices 19-30, parts of Appendices 35 and 36, Appendix 43, pre-filed testimony of Julia Frayer. The Applicants are concurrently submitting an original and 18 copies of a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment regarding these materials. The archaeological information is only contained in the one hard copy being submitted to the SEC and the hard copy being provided to DHR. We are submitting only a single copy of the natural resource information and the company confidential information – that material is contained in the complete hard copy to the SEC.

In addition, the Application contains four Petitions for Licenses to Cross Public Waters and Lands Owned by the State. We are providing an original, six paper copies and one electronic copy of each petition. Each Petition is addressed to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC") and is being submitted in accordance with RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain the new electric transmission line and associated facilities, as well as the new, relocated PSNH facilities, above and across State waters and State lands. The Applicants respectfully request that the SEC provide the originals, six paper copies, and the electronic copy of each petition to the NHPUC. Also, in accordance with the NHPUC rules, the Applicants have submitted an electronic copy of each petition for the New Hampshire Consumer Advocate.

We are also submitting one Petition to Commence Business as a Public Utility on behalf of Northern Pass Transmission LLC in accordance with RSA 374:22. We are providing an original, six paper copies and one electronic copy of this petition. We also request these be provided to the NHPUC. As noted above, the Applicants have submitted an electronic copy of each petition for the New Hampshire Consumer Advocate.

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:8-a, the Applicants have included a check for the application filing fee in the amount of \$626,000. This reflects the \$50,000 base fee for an electric transmission facility, required under RSA 162-H:8-a(II)(b), and \$576,000 for the 192 miles of the electric transmission facility required under RSA 162-H:8-a(II)(b)(1). The Applicants have also included the following checks: \$220,750 for the Alteration of Terrain Permit Application;

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\$1,234,210.55 for the Wetlands Permit Application; and, \$4,200 for the NHDOT Railroad Crossing Permit Application.

The Applicants are being jointly represented by McLane Middleton, Professional Association. We are concurrently filing an original and 18 copies of Appearances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Application, please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-226-0400, or via email at [barry.needleman@mclane.com](mailto:barry.needleman@mclane.com).

Sincerely,



Barry Needleman

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Enclosures