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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket No. DE 15-459 Northern Pass Transmission LLC Request for Waiver to Late-File Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Howland:

The hearing in the above-captioned docket is scheduled for March 29, 2016. The parties have been working diligently to reach concurrence on the terms of a Settlement Agreement to resolve all issues in this docket but, as of this date, the Settlement Agreement is still under development.

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.20(e), settlement agreements must be filed no less than 5 days prior to the hearing unless the Commission accepts a late-filed agreement, pursuant to Puc 203.20(f). Staff and the parties respectfully request that the Commission accept a late-filed agreement. Staff attests that the acceptance of a late-filed agreement will promote the orderly conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to this proceeding.

Our goal is to file the agreement no later than March 28, 2016. Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this request.

Sincerely,

Suzanne G. Amidon Staff Counsel

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