

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DOCKET NO. DE 15-459

**NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION LLC
PETITION TO COMMENCE BUSINESS AS A PUBLIC UTILITY**

MOTION TO POSTPONE HEARING

Northern Pass Transmission LLC (“NPT”) files this motion in reference to the hearing on the merits scheduled before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in the above-captioned docket for April 7, 2016. NPT seeks postponement of the hearing pursuant to Puc 203.13.

1. The Commission issued an Order of Notice in the above-captioned proceeding on November 24, 2015, which, among other things scheduled a prehearing conference for December 9, 2015. The Commission subsequently approved a procedural schedule culminating in a hearing on the merits on March 29, 2016, which was rescheduled to April 7, 2016, in order to provide the parties time to finalize a settlement agreement.

2. The parties continue to discuss the terms of the settlement agreement that would have been the subject of the April 7, 2016 hearing, and additional time is required in order for the parties to conclude those discussions. Moreover, the attorney for Northern Pass Transmission LLC (“NPT”) in this proceeding, Thomas B. Getz, is not available for the scheduled hearing as a result of a serious family matter. Consequently, NPT seeks postponement of the hearing pursuant to Puc 203.13 and contends that postponing the hearing would promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding.

3. NPT also asks the Commission pursuant to Puc 201.05 to waive the 7-day prior filing requirement for postponement inasmuch as Mr. Getz was required to travel out of New

Hampshire on April 5, 2016. Puc 201.05 requires the Commission to waive the provisions of any of the rules if the Commission finds that (1) the waiver serves the public interest; and (2) the waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission. In determining the public interest, the Commission is required to waive a rule if (1) compliance with the rule would be onerous or inapplicable given the circumstances of the affected person; or (2) the purpose of the rule would be satisfied by an alternative method proposed.

4. Here, personal matters have called Mr. Getz out-of-state making him unable to attend the hearing and with insufficient time to comply with the 7-day prior filing requirement. NPT believes that this is sufficient to satisfy the public interest standard under Puc 201.05.

5. Finally, NPT has sought concurrence from Staff and the Consumer Advocate. Staff does not object. The Consumer Advocate supports the motion.

WHEREFORE, NPT respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. grant NPT's motion for postponement;
- B. grant NPT's waiver request; and
- C. grant such other and further relief as it deems necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION LLC

By Its Attorneys,

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Dated: April 6, 2016

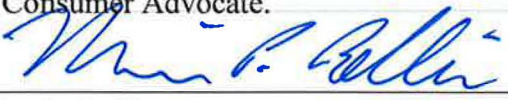
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on the 6th of April, 2016, an original and one copy of the foregoing Motion was hand-delivered to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and an electronic copy was served upon the Service List and the Consumer Advocate.



Marvin Bellis