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Re: Docket No. DE 15-460
Northern Pass Transmission LLC
Petition to Cross Public Waters
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

A prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket on April 1, 2016. The town of Franconia filed a motion to intervene and was represented by Peter Grote at the prehearing conference. In addition, the City of Concord (Concord) filed a petition to intervene and was present at the prehearing. An abutter to one crossing, William Allaire, also attended the prehearing conference. The Commission accepted the motions to intervene under advisement.

Following the prehearing conference, Staff met with the parties to discuss a proposed procedural schedule. At the prehearing conference, Concord moved to stay the proceeding pending the completion of the application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC (NPT) by the Site Evaluation Committee. Concord agreed to file a formal motion no later than April 8, 2016, and NPT stated that it would file an objection by April 18th.

The Commission requested parties to address the interpretation of RSA 371:17 and RSA 371:20 in the Commission's review of the crossing petition. The parties agreed that legal briefs on that issue are due on April 18, 2016.

The parties agreed that intervenors may issue data requests on May 13, 2016, subject to the Commission's review of legal briefs, which may affect the scope of proper discovery, with responses due by NPT on May 27, 2016. Staff will conduct discovery consistent

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with past practice as needed. Staff questions, and NPT responses, will be served on all parties in the docket's discovery service list.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the process described above. Staff will request the same process for Docket No. DE 15-461, NPT's petition to cross public lands, and for Eversource's petitions for a license to relocate existing facilities across public waters (DE 15-462) and state lands (DE 15-463). Staff will file separate letters in these proceedings to take into account the different service lists and intervenors in the proceedings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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