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April 13, 2016

Debra A. Howland  
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Re: Docket No. DE 15-460  
Northern Pass Transmission LLC  
Petition to Cross Public Waters  
Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule  
Staff's Position on Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 11, 2016, Northern Pass Transmission LLC (NPT) filed a motion to revise the proposed procedural schedule filed by Staff on April 6, 2016 and approved by secretarial letter dated April 7, 2016. NPT filed the motion because it failed to provide notice as required by the March 10, 2016, order of notice to all property owners that owned property within 100 feet of either side of the proposed water crossings. Staff does not object to allowing NPT additional time to provide the required notice to these property owners.

Pursuant to the procedural schedule, legal briefs are due to be filed on April 18, 2016. NPT proposes to schedule the briefs for April 29. Staff disagrees. As a result of the additional notice, more property owners may petition to intervene in this docket. The Commission needs time to review and decide on those petitions. In addition, any new intervenors will not be in a position to file briefs on April 29 as proposed by NPT. Therefore, Staff proposes that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule in this docket; and if the Commission grants any additional petitions to intervene, the Commission should direct Staff to hold a technical session with all parties. This proposal will allow all parties to understand the manner in which the Commission reviews proposed water crossing licenses. In addition, the parties can develop an agreed-to procedural schedule with Staff.

Staff respectfully asks that the Commission grant the relief requested above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon  
Staff Counsel

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