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

Re: Petitions to Cross Public Waters
Docket No. DE 15-462 and DE 15-460

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please accept for filing the City of Concord's Notice of Position relative to the Petitions for Public Water Crossings filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a/ Eversource Energy ("PSNH") and Northern Pass Transmission, LLC.

Based on Order No. 25,910 issued by the Public Utilities Commission, the City understands that the Commission is limiting its review of the proposed crossings under RSA 371:20 to the functional use and safety of the proposed crossings, and all licenses shall be contingent upon Site Evaluation Committee's approval of the project. We further understand that environmental and aesthetic issues will be addressed by the Site Evaluation Committee, and that if the proposed crossings are reconfigured, the Public Utilities Commission will require resubmission of amended plans for its review.

In light of that Order, the City will not be taking a position on the petitions for public water crossings.

However, the City is concerned and objects to the location of the construction pads for the structures identified as C189-32, 3132-159, P145-73 near the Soucook River. The location of the structures is within a highly erodible and steep slope, and there is a concern that the disturbance from the installation for the new structures could compromise the bluff. The City understands that Safety Division staff have visited and taken photographs of this area, and are

aware of this concern. The City further understands that this issue will need to be addressed at the Site Evaluation Committee. Nonetheless, the City requests that, to the extent that the Public Utilities Commission grants the petitions, it require the Petitioners to work with the Safety Division in consultation with the City to address any necessary relocation of the structures.

Please be advised that nothing this letter should be construed as a waiver to the City's objections to the transmission lines and accompanying structures being proposed for the Northern Pass Transmission project, including the other structures located adjacent to the public water crossings in Concord.

A copy of this Notice has been sent by electronic mail to those parties listed on the current Service List for this Docket.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLP', with a large, stylized 'D' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Danielle L. Pacik
Deputy City Solicitor

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cc: Service List (E-Mail)