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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

April 4, 2016 - 1:36 p.m.
Concord, New Hampshire

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RE: DE 15-463
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY:
Petition for Licenses to Construct and
Maintain Electric Lines over and across
Lands Owned by the State in Stark,
Northumberland, Lancaster, Dalton,
New Hampton, Canterbury, Pembroke, and
Franklin. (Prehearing conference)

PRESENT: Chairman Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding
Commissioner Kathryn M. Bailey

Adele Leighton, Clerk

APPEARANCES: **Reptg. Public Service Co. of New Hampshire**
d/b/a Eversource Energy:
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Reptg. DRED and the Adjutant General:
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N.H. Attorney General's Office

Reptg. PUC Staff:
Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.
Randall Knepper, Director/Safety Division
Robert Wyatt, Asst. Dir./Safety Division

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52



P R O C E E D I N G

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2 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: We're here this
3 afternoon -- good afternoon, I'm sorry. We're here this
4 afternoon in DE 15-463, which is Public Service Company of
5 New Hampshire, doing business as Eversource Energy,
6 Petition to Cross State Lands. This is the fourth of the
7 four crossing dockets that we opened that are related to
8 Northern Pass. We've done two Northern Pass crossings, we
9 did a Public Service Company of New Hampshire crossing
10 this morning, and we're doing the state lands crossing for
11 PSNH/Eversource this afternoon.

12 I won't read the order of notice into
13 the record, because no one wants me to do that. We will
14 take appearances.

15 MR. ALLWARDEN: Good afternoon, Mr.
16 Chairman, Commissioner Bailey. My name is Chris
17 Allwarden, Senior Counsel, Eversource Energy Legal
18 Department. I represent Public Service Company. With me
19 today is Senior Counsel Marvin Bellis, also with
20 Eversource Energy.

21 MR. GETZ: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,
22 Commissioner. Tom Getz, from the law firm of McLane
23 Middleton, on behalf of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC.

24 MS. EDWARDS: Anne Edwards, from the

1 Attorney General's Office.

2 MS. MULHOLLAND: Liz Mulholland, from
3 the Attorney General's Office.

4 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: You're here for
5 DRED?

6 MS. EDWARDS: We are here for DRED and
7 the Adjutant General.

8 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Adjutant General
9 has land affected by this crossing as well?

10 MS. EDWARDS: I believe that it does, in
11 Pembroke.

12 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: I'm prepared to
13 believe it. I just, when I looked at the Petition just
14 before coming down here, DRED stood out, but --

15 MS. EDWARDS: Yes. The Adjutant General
16 does, in the Pembroke area. Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

18 MS. AMIDON: Good afternoon, Mr.
19 Chairman, Commissioner Bailey. Suzanne Amidon, for
20 Commission Staff. And, with me today is Randy Knepper,
21 who's the Director of the Safety Division, and Bob Wyatt,
22 who's the Assistant Director of the Safety Division. And,
23 we had Jason List here, actually, on our table is a map,
24 which indicates where the proposed -- where the land is

1 that is owned by the Adjutant General and where
2 construction is planned and where the crossing would be.
3 So, we do have -- we have done some work on that, and
4 there is land that will be affected.

5 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: I thought, when you
6 were making a reference to Mr. List, and pointed to the
7 map showing where maybe Mr. List is right now, I don't
8 know. But --

9 MS. AMIDON: It's like a --

10 MR. KNEPPER: He's out in the snow.

11 MS. AMIDON: Ah. It's one of those
12 magical maps.

13 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Is there any
14 objection to the pending intervention motions?

15 MR. ALLWARDEN: No objection.

16 MS. AMIDON: Staff has no objection.

17 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right. We'll
18 grant the two pending motions to intervene.

19 We received an indication, after this
20 morning's prehearing conference, that the Society for the
21 Protection of New Hampshire Forests has discovered these
22 dockets. Has anybody heard from them beyond that
23 indication that I got midday? Ms. Amidon?

24 MS. AMIDON: I haven't heard anything to

1 that effect.

2 MR. ALLWARDEN: Nor have I, Mr.
3 Chairman.

4 MR. GETZ: No, sir.

5 MS. EDWARDS: Neither have we.

6 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Well, we'll look
7 forward to whatever filing they feel they need to make at
8 this point.

9 Is there anything we need to discuss?
10 This is very similar to what we've been doing for three
11 straight times. There's no one new in the room. So, I'm
12 not sure it's helpful, Ms. Amidon, or necessary for you to
13 go through any litany.

14 Is there anything you want to raise,
15 Commissioner Bailey?

16 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: No.

17 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Is there anything
18 we need to do before we leave you to your technical
19 session?

20 MR. ALLWARDEN: Not that I'm aware of,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Amidon.

23 MS. AMIDON: I think you're all set. I
24 will get you a letter with a proposed schedule that will

1 affect all four dockets, probably later today.

2 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right. Sounds
3 good. Thank you very much. We will adjourn.

4 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you.

5 **(Whereupon the prehearing conference was**
6 **adjourned at 1:39 p.m., and a technical**
7 **session was held thereafter.)**

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