

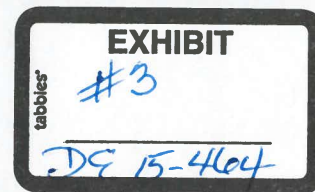
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Debra Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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RE: Docket No. DE 15-464
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy

Petition for Approval of Lease Agreement Between Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and Northern Pass Transmission LLC

Dear Director Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding, please find a Settlement Agreement entered into among New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff ("Staff"), the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("PSNH"), and Northern Pass Transmission LLC ("NPT"), (jointly, the "Settling Parties"), which is offered to resolve all issues in the proceeding.

The procedural schedule approved June 20, 2017, was suspended by a Secretarial Letter issued October 10, 2017, to allow time for settlement discussion. That schedule contemplated discovery on Intervenor and Staff testimony as well as rebuttal testimony by PSNH, both of which are obviated by the Settlement Agreement. In addition, the procedural schedule calls for settlement discussions on November 8 and 9, 2017, as well as hearings on November 28 and 29, 2017. The Settling Parties propose that the November 8, 2017 date for settlement discussions remain to permit time for discussions with additional parties, and the November 28, 2017 date for hearings remain on the schedule. The subsequent dates, November 9 and November 29, for settlement discussion and hearings respectively, may be unnecessary. The Settling Parties look forward to the Commission's review and timely approval of the Settlement Agreement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Fossum".

Matthew J. Fossum
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Enclosure
CC: Service List

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