

April 11, 2018

Ms. Debra Howland Executive Director & Secretary NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: DW 18-026 Return on Equity Affidavit of Publication - Order of Notice

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the Return on Equity Petition Order of Notice Dated March 29, 2018, please find the enclosed Affidavit of Publication certifying the above-referenced Order was published in The Laconia Daily Sun on April 3, 2018 and The Concord Monitor, The Little Courier and The Coos County Democrat on April 4, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the publication of the Order of Notice, please don't hesitate to contact me at 603-293-8580.

Sincerely,

Pauline Doucette Office Manager

Enclosures

Cc: Stephen P. St. Cyr

DW 18-026 Service List via email

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Neighbors of NH Motor Speedway fight plan for concerts there

BY LEAH WILLINGHAM

LOUDON — Months before New Hampshire Motor Speedway is expected to hold its first three-day country music festival this summer, the company is still tied up in a lawsuit with residents trying to prevent the show from going on.

Three neighbors of the speedway – Arnold Alpert, Judith Elliot and James Snyder – sued the race track in December, claiming the plan to hold a music festival violates a 1989 settlement between the speedway and the town of Loudon.

The settlement states that the speedway "shall not permit any musical concerts of any type or description to be held on the premises currently known as New Hampshire Speedway except in conjunction with racing events."

The agreement was made after Bob Bahre purchased the speedway, formerly Bryar Motorsports Park, with the intention of expanding it into a multipurpose track in 1988. It was signed by representatives of New Hampshire Speedway Inc., eight "concerned racetrack neighbors" and four Loudon planning board members.

"It's very clear when you look at this agreement that the restriction on concerts was very simply to prevent that new stadium, those 55,000 seats, from becoming a concert venue like Great Woods," speedway laywer Bill Glahn said during a hearing at Mer-

rimack County Superior Court on Monday morning.

The old agreement has no effect on the speedway's plan to host a music festival, Glahn argued, because it applies only to the 1.02-mile oval track that was proposed at the time, not to the parking lots in the southern end of the property where the concerts would be held. The land for the parking lots was acquired after the 1989 agreement.

"That contract was filed over a specific expansion of what was then known as New Hampshire Motor Speedway," Glahn said. "It makes no sense that New Hampshire Motor Speedway would give up the right to do anything on any land that they might acquire in the future."

Glahn claimed that other segments of the agreement, like those that blocked the speedway from holding drag racing or demolition derby events, or racing after 7:30 p.m., made it clear that these restrictions were meant to pertain specifically to the racetrack.

But the residents' lawyer, Steve Gordon, said the intention of the agreement was that it would apply to all future ventures by the company. He cited affidavits submitted by residents, where they described several meetings with Bahre in 1989 where they

addressed concerns about the track's expansion.

"They weren't just focused on those two parcels of land; they weren't just looking at what was going on a particular track," Gordon said. "These were people of the community, and they had community concerns. What they were most interested in was that the track ... be developed in such a way that it would have the least impact on their community."

When the track was sold to Bruton Smith in 2008, Judith Elliot received a voicemail from Bahre saying that the agreement would be honored.

"I talked to Bruton on this. I gave him the paperwork. I explained everything to him," Gordon read from Elliot's notes from the voicemail from Bahre. "He's not going to want any trouble. He knows it goes with the track, not with us. I want you to breathe easy."

Judge Richard McNamara was set to review the case, but he did not make a ruling Monday.

Communications Manager Shannon Stephens said the speedway is waiting to promote and sell tickets for the music festival until a decision is made in the suit.

"To be completely honest, we haven't started on any of that because we have to wait until we have a decision." she said.

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On February 27, 2018, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki), Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), and Lakes Region Water Company (Lakes Region) (collectively, Petitioners) filed a joint petition for a declaratory ruling or, in the alternative, a Commission rulemaking to provide for "an appropriate small size premium to be used by the Commission when determining the rates and authorized return on equity (ROE) for small satellite water systems serving fewer than 3.30 residents pursuant to RSA [Chapter] 378." The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-026.html.

In support of their petition, the Petitioners presented the testimony of Donald J.E. Vaughan, Harold Morse, Stephen P. St. Cyr, and Pauline M. Ahern. Ms. Ahern's testimony presents the theoretical underpinnings of the Petitioners' preferred ratemaking methodology to incorporate the "small size premium" on ROE and rates.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to justness and reasonableness of rates pursuant to RSA Chapter 378, and whether the proposed ratemaking methodologies presented by the Petitioners would produce just and reasonable rates. Furthermore, as a threshold matter, the Commission has determined that it must decide the best procedural approach for this case, either: (1) a generic Commission investigation of this petition and the issues arising therefrom: (2) a declaratory judgment proceeding, as governed by the standards and procedures of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 207.01; or, (3) a rulemaking. The Commission invites the Petitioners and other interested persons to provide arguments regarding the best approach at the prehearing conference for this matter. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party at the party is own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, and arguments regarding the best procedural approach to be taken by the Commission in this proceeding, as indicated above and it

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Abenaki, HAWC, Lakes Region, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Abenaki, HAWC, Lakes Region shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 4, 2018, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 11, 2018; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Abenaki, HAWC, Lakes Region and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on orbore April 11, 2018, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 13, 2018.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-ninth day of March, 2018.



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Cause of city fire that displaced 8 likely to remain unknown

By Thomas P. Caldwell

LACONIA — The cause of a Friday evening fire that displaced four adults and four children from Bungalow Court is likely to remain unknown, according to Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Beattie.

The fire started on a porch outside the building, in an area with garbage cans, shortly after 6 p.m., according to fire officials. It spread into the building, damaging two apartments.

One of the apartments sustained heavy damage to the kitchen area and will not likely be habitable for some time, Beattie said. The other apartment was not as heavily damaged, and that family is likely to be able return fairly soon. The department handled the investigation in-house, Beattie said, but, "It will be very difficult to pinpoint a cause at this time."

The estimated damage amounted to \$75,000. The other six units were not damaged by the fire, officials said.

Although firefighters encountered heavy flames when they arrived, they were able to extinguish it quickly, attacking it from both the Bungalow Court and Dyer Street sides of the building

Two occupants were treated at the scene of the fire and one was taken to Lakes Region General Hospital with minor injuries.

The American Red Cross assisted the displaced families, who are staying with relatives.



Firefighters investigate a two-alarm building fire at Dyer Street and Chester Court on Friday evening. The fire was reported as having started on an outside porch and spread into the building, forcing its evacuation. (Tom Caldwell/Laconia Daily Sun)



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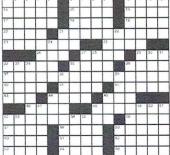
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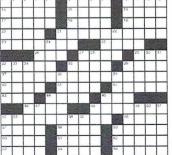
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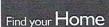
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Sincerely,

Beth Tobyne

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Ammonoosuc Energy Fair offers test drive of electric vehicles

BETHLEHEM

— Along with their energy fair on Saturday,
April 7, from 9 a.m.3 p.m. at the Profile school in Bethlehem, the Ammonoosuc Energy Team will be offering test drives of several electric vehicle types.

Several years ago we purchased a Chevy Volt and more recently a Tesla S. We love them both. Electric vehicles have the advantage of having only one gear and great torque at any speed. This offers a qui-et, smooth and really

will still accelerate to 60 in 4.2 seconds. The Tesla sport models can do that in 2.28 seconds!

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fast acceleration. We don't have the sport model Tesla, however, it model Tesla, however, it model Tesla and the sport mod with only 25 percent for a gas car. Near or over 100 miles per gallon equivalent is standard for electric cars, Mainte-nance is extremely low. The propulsion system of a Tesla has only 17 moving parts. This com-pares with 200 for a gas vehicle. At my annual State inspection for the Tesla I asked the garage to do whatever mainte-nance that was needed as I haven't done anything to it in 2 years. The only thing they came up with was to change

transmission and differential fluid change, spark plugs, all for \$848. A month earlier I had to change a magnetic something or other that controls the all-wheel drive system for \$2,000. Oil changes alone will add up to \$2,200 over the life of a gas vehicle. Gas purchases will add up to another \$20,000. Gas cars have the dis-advantage of having an exhaust system, tim-ing belts, regular belts, spark plugs, transmissions, etc. and more

es. Electric cars use their electric motors to provide much of the breaking power, which reduces the amount of break use and generates electricity at the same time. And the conve-nience. The Volt has all of the advantages of an electric car but also has an on-board gas electric-ity generator. The new Volts will go 50 miles on electricity and then the extended range. We love both cars and encourage you to see why on Satur-day, April 7.

Monroe Consolidated School honor roll

MONROE — The Monroe Consolidated School has released its honor roll for the second trimester of the 2017-2018 academic year.

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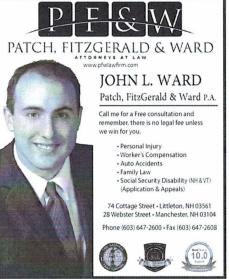
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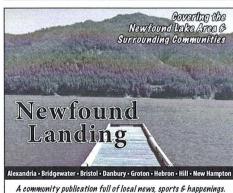
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n Page AD and IBEW work force into sticking with pric-ing and work rules that contemplate a project construction start date this year. There will be break away provisions in all those contracts and Eversource will have to re-examine in a big way the price escalation im-pact that will hit its proj-

Baker continued, "So. the Massachusetts deci-sion is a double wham-my. Not only is there no party to pay for the project, now the project costs will be even greater even

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if it should win an appeal of the NH SEC decision.
Of course Eversource says it will be pursuing its Northern Pass proj-ect, but that's easy to say. I believe it is now dead in its present form."

Officials in Massachu setts are currently work ing on a contract with a Canadian hydro project that would be routed through Maine. The project, New England Clean Energy Connect is a 145 mile route that uses a portion of an existing corridor. The permit for this project is still awaiting approval from regu-lators in Maine.

Charlie Cotton called the recent meeting in Lancaster due to the fact that over the past two months several cours-es of action have taken place that caused confusion for many.

Jane Brickett, Vice Chair of the Lancaster Democratic Committee said, "On Feb. 1, the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) voted 7-0 to deny a permit to Northern Pass after considering two of the four criteria that Northern Pass had to meet to receive a permit. On Feb. 28 Northern Pass submitted a motion

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For further information.

contact Cub Scout Mas-ter Bill Rutherford at

cubmaster@cubpack219.

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with a good reason.

Well, we just ventured through a second

Blue Moon in year 2018 on March 31. Did y'all know there is a special moon for each month of

the year? March holds the Sap Moon, the time of year of the Vernal Equinox, the ending of

winter arriving, and the

funding and 75 condi-tions for the SEC to con-sider. On March 12, the SEC considered Northern Pass' motion. They voted to suspend their oral denial of Northern Pass and to wait to consider Northern Pass' mo-tion and proposals until after the written decision is issued toward the end of March. Cotton, along with Brickett, called upon semi-retired trial law-

and resume delibera-tions. This request in-cluded a proposal for new

yer Baker to help make sense of the on goings to those who attended the meeting. Baker brought the audience up to date as far as the back history of the Northern Pass

Baker explained that the Northern Pass filed a motion for a re-hearing however does not see the SEC changing their mind. Baker explained that the appeal process could take over one year to complete.

State Rep. Troy Mern-er brought those in attendance up to date on two bills law makers in New Hampshire are looking at in regards to Northern Pass. The first bill is HB

committee. The second one, SB 366 has been ta-

As it reads, HB 1358 states, "AN ACT rela-tive to decisions by the SEC. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened: 1 Energy Facilities: SEC: plications. Amend RSA 162-H:7, VI-d to read as follows: VI-d. Within 365 days of the acceptance of an application, the com-mittee shall issue or deny a certificate for an energy facility. If the committee fails to act within the 365 days from the accep-tance of the application, the application shall be deemed approved and the committee shall is-

sue the certificate."

SB 366 reads, "This
bill changes certain requirements concerning
membership on the site evaluation committee. This bill is a request of the public utilities com-mission. Energy Facility Siting: SEC. Amend RSA 162-H:3, Two full committee public members, one of whom may be a municipal representa-tive who is a member of a city or town governing body or a city or town manager or a town ad-

they vacate their denial 1358 and is currently in ministrator, shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, at least one of whom shall be a member in good standing of the NH Bar Association, and both of whom shall be residents of the state of New Hampshire with ex-pertise or experience in one or more of the follow ing areas: public delib-erative or adjudicative proceedings; business management: environmental protection; nat-ural protection; energy facility design, construction, operation, or management: or community economic development

Merner said, "I think at this point, you never know what's going to happen in the future. I think the process was done fairly, the burden of proof is on the applicant. I have never taken a stance on Northern Pass nor have I ever gone to an SEC hearing. I just think of what's in the best interest of the tax payers and that's why I fought the utility assessment bill.

Merner did vote no on both bills that would have given Northern Pass any sliver of hope for the future.

Jefferson

Sr and Joe Orzech residents of the area, were the head restorers, with many willing others to help them in their volunteer endeavor. In the March/April Parable Magazine from the Di-ocese of Manchester, there is a great story about the happening and how it helped out the restorers' health and the salvation of the Shrine. Please do come and visit this beautiful structure of art, open in the sum-

mer to venture into. Earlier this year, the Earlier this year, the Bellevue Barn at the Carlisle Place in Jef-ferson sponsored an amazing fundraiser to support Mount Royal Academy North, a new school being built for Catholic children. The Academy is very thankful that the North Country community gave terrific support to the project. The event was a huge success, includauctions, raffles, dinner, dancing, and great company. Mount

Royal Academy North is thrilled that the event raised over \$22,000 on its behalf. This will be crucial in helping with the cost for a fall 2018 opening date. Our many thanks to the Bellevue Barn, Chalet Caterers, Sweet Creations, and band Brandy made the night one to remember! And a special thanks to Gate of Heaven Parish and Fr. Matt Mason for all their welcomed help and support for this wonderful endeavor; it's greatly appreciated.

Thank you all!

Looking for a thrill with Boy Scouts? On Sat-urday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in All Saints Church Hall, All saints Church Hall, the boys will be holding their second Cake Auc-tion. Judging will oc-cur prior to the auction based on the following: Scout Theme: Most Cre-ative: Spring Theme. It is unbelievable what they come up with for decorations on their cake. All funds raised will stay within the Pack to support the Scouts' ac-tivities! Whole cakes will be auctioned; individual

earth beginning to wake up...all for maple syrup! Tell you more later.

Humor Magical moments by a thrifty husband... "My wife just had plastic surgery. I cut up all her credit cards. Ouch!" "Anyway, here is a

surefire way to double your money; fold it in half and put it in your pocket."

Have a happy new season of the year – spring time – and a bit of April Fool Lure!

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The filling raises, <u>infect alia</u>, issues related to justness and reasonableness of rates pursuant to RNA Chapthe filling raises, <u>infect alia</u>, issues related to justness and reasonableness of rates pursuant to RNA Chap178, and whether the proposed tratemaking methodologies presented by the Petitioners would produce
at and reasonable rates. Furthermore, as a threshold matter, the Commission has determined that it
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its petition and the issues arising therefrom; (2) a declaratory judgment proceeding, as governed by this
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the precharging orderence for this matter. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the
any at the party's own expense.

and upon the foreigning, it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Abenaki, HAWC, Lake Region shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of son shall notify all persons designing to be heard at this feating to procuring a say, as a constant property of the person of the state of the person of the state of the say of the person of the state of the stat

ITHER ONDERSEL), that consistent with 8-11. God Admin, Runes Fue 203-1, and Pe-sterling and the seeding of the seeding shall admin to the Commission seven copies seeking to intervene with copies sent to Abenaki. HAWC, Lakes Region and the Office of the Consustence with copies sent to Abenaki. HAWC, Lakes Region and the Office of the Consustence of the Commission of the

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Object

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