

Via Certified Mail

October 16, 2015

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair
Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee
PO Box 3019
Boscawen, NH 03303

Re: NHDES 401 Water Quality Certificate Application for Northern Pass Transmission Project

Dear Ms. Tremblay:

Enclosed please find a copy of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) 401 Water Quality Certificate application (401 application) for the Northern Pass Transmission Project. Northern Pass is a 192-mile transmission line that will bring 1,090 megawatts (MW) of clean, affordable energy from Hydro-Québec's world-class hydroelectric plants in Canada to New Hampshire and to the rest of New England. To bring this energy to the region, the Project will build a new direct current (DC) transmission line from the Canadian border to Franklin, NH, where a converter terminal will be built to convert the electricity from DC to alternating current (AC). From there, a new AC transmission line will carry the energy to an existing substation in Deerfield, NH and into New England's electric grid.

The Project includes work in or around Designated Rivers as identified in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RSA 483). Under state law, it is a requirement to provide the Local River Advisory Committees having jurisdiction over these waterbodies with a copy of the 401 application for review and comment.

You may contact Northern Pass at 800 286-7305 or at info@northernpass.us if you have questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Lee E. Carbonneau, Senior Principal Scientist
Normandeau Associates, Inc.
as agent for Northern Pass, LLC.

Attach.

Cc: Robert P. Clarke, Northern Pass Transmission, LLC.