

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SEC DOCKET NO. 2015-06

**JOINT APPLICATION OF NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION LLC &
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY**

APPLICANTS' PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On October 19, 2015, the Applicants filed an application with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“SEC” or the “Committee”) for a Certificate of Site and Facility to construct and operate a new 192-mile transmission line with a capacity rating of up to 1,090 MW from the Canadian border in Pittsburg, New Hampshire to Deerfield, New Hampshire (the “Project”). The Committee accepted the application on December 18, 2015. The Applicants provided additional information on February 26, 2016, pursuant to the Revised SEC Rules effective December 16, 2015. On March 18, 2016, the Committee issued an Order on Petitions to Intervene.

Procedural Schedule

A pre-hearing conference will be held on March 22, 2016. At such time, the Applicants propose that the Committee adopt the following procedural schedule:

1. **March 22, 2016** – Prehearing Conference
2. **April 11, 2016** – Counsel for the Public Files Motions to Engage Consultants (Committee to rule within 10 days)
3. **April 11, 2016** – Counsel for the Public to propound discovery requests upon Applicants on all topics that do not require consultant input and Interveners to propound discovery requests upon Applicants on all topics

4. **May 13, 2016** – Applicants to respond to first round of discovery requests from Counsel for the Public and all discovery requests from Interveners
5. **May 16, 2016** – Counsel for the Public to propound all data requests upon Applicants that require assistance of an expert consultant
6. **May 16, 2016** – Agencies report on progress of permits 150 days after application is accepted
7. **May 23 to May 25, 2016** – Technical sessions of Applicants’ witnesses for which Counsel for the Public and Interveners have completed discovery
8. **June 13, 2016** – Applicants to respond to Counsel for the Public’s second round of discovery requests
9. **June 20 to July 1, 2016** – Technical sessions of Applicants’ remaining witnesses conducted
10. **July 15, 2016** – Counsel for the Public and interveners disclose their experts, if any, to the Applicants and provide pre-filed testimony
11. **August 8, 2016** – Applicants propound discovery requests upon Counsel for the Public and interveners
12. **August 15, 2016** – Agencies issue final permitting decisions 240 days after application is accepted
13. **September 9, 2016** – Counsel for the Public and interveners respond to discovery requests
14. **September 19 to September 23, 2016** – Technical sessions of Counsel for the Public witnesses and intervenor witnesses conducted
15. **October 3, 2016** – Parties file statement of stipulated facts, any other stipulations, and supplemental testimony
16. **October 10, 2016** – Structuring Conference
17. **October 17 to November 18, 2016** – Final Adjudicatory Hearings
18. **November and December 2016** – Deliberations
19. **December 19, 2016** – Decision Issued

Respectfully submitted,

Northern Pass Transmission LLC and
Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a
Eversource Energy

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on the 21st of March, 2016, a copy of the Applicants' Proposed Procedural Scheduling Order was electronically served upon the SEC Distribution List.

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