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**Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery**

Pamela Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06  
Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company  
of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility for  
Construction of a New High Voltage Transmission Line in New Hampshire  
Filing of Proposed Redacted Versions**

Dear Ms. Monroe:

The Applicants enclose for filing in the above-captioned matter, an original and one copy of redacted versions of Appendix 43, the Cost – Benefit and Local Economic Impact Analysis of the Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project (“Report”) and the Pre-Filed Testimony of Julia Frayer (“Testimony”) of London Economics International LLC (“LEI”). Unredacted versions of both documents were previously provided to the Site Evaluation Committee (“SEC” or “Committee”) and Counsel for the Public. Unredacted versions will be made available to parties to the proceeding as and when directed by the Committee.

The Applicants filed an Unassented to Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment (the “Motion”) on October 19, 2015. In Paragraph 19 of the Motion, the Applicants indicated that redacted versions of Ms. Frayer’s Report and corresponding Testimony would be filed upon leave of the Committee. Consistent with discussions at the Pre Hearing Conference held on March 22, 2016, the Applicants submit the accompanying proposed redacted versions of both documents. Pursuant to the Order issued by Chairman Honigberg on March 25, 2016, the Applicants understand that objections to confidential treatment are due by April 7, 2016.

The Applicants reiterate their underlying request for a protective order for confidential and proprietary business information in the Report and Testimony but do not repeat the entire analysis here. Based on further review, and the passage of time since the Motion as discussed below, the Applicants note that they have narrowed their request for protection to information

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that if publicly disclosed would place NPT at a business disadvantage relative to its competitors in the wholesale electricity marketplace.

The Applicants have focused on the protection of business confidential information contained in the Report at Appendix C: Detailed Assumptions for wholesale power market simulations, as well as corresponding references to such information contained in Section 5 of the Report and the Testimony, and related information contained in discussions of “stress tests” conducted by Ms. Frayer. The Applicants have identified a privacy interest in such information in the Motion and they assert that if the information were to be publicly disclosed its competitors would gain unwarranted insight into the Applicants’ business strategy. The Applicants further note that protection is sought for the full scope of the detailed assumptions, rather than on what might be argued to be the most sensitive parts of the whole, because it is the whole approach that is confidential; to the extent one or more parts of the whole are revealed, the easier it becomes for a competitor to recreate the overall business strategy.

The Applicants acknowledge that as a general matter there is a public interest in the disclosure of materials to the SEC. In these circumstances, however, the Applicants believe that the balancing of the Applicants’ privacy interests in non-disclosure of the redacted sections of the Report and Testimony outweigh a generalized interest in disclosure for the following reasons.

First, the Applicants have made appropriate efforts to limit the amount of material redacted, and the remaining unredacted material reasonably informs the general public as to “the potential economic benefits of NPT in terms of the wholesale electricity market impacts and environmental effects, as well as the impact on the local economy in New Hampshire and other states in New England.” See, Report, p. 12.

Second, the Committee and Counsel for the Public have unredacted versions of the Report and Testimony to permit them to perform their statutory obligations, and the Committee will determine the conditions under which parties to the proceeding may be afforded access to the unredacted versions. In this regard, the Applicants request the opportunity to weigh in at the proper time on such conditions. As a consequence, the adjudication of the Application will be conducted in a manner consistent with due process.

Third, the Applicants’ request for protective treatment is time-limited. As explained in the Motion, the Applicants were specifically concerned about the Clean Energy RFP process being conducted by Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Bids have since been submitted in that process, but it is not yet complete. The Applicants believe that public

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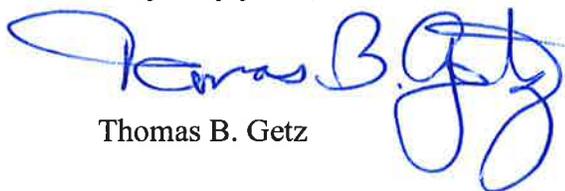
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disclosure of the redacted portions of the Report and Testimony will be appropriate within the next several months.

Finally, while the original Motion references LEI's proprietary business models, the Report and Testimony themselves do not contain sensitive information of that nature. However, to the extent a party seeks such information through discovery, the Applicants will seek a protective order for this competitively sensitive information at that time.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the enclosed information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas B. Getz". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and a prominent "G".

Thomas B. Getz

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Enclosures

cc: Distribution List