



February 27, 2014

Mr. Roy Stever
Easton Conservation Commission
484 Paine Road
Easton, New Hampshire 03580

Dear Mr. Stever:

I am writing concerning the Easton Conservation Commission's (ECC) questions concerning the proposed Northern Pass Transmission (NPT) project and our attempt to provide detailed responses in a timely fashion. While the responses have taken more time than we would have liked, we felt it prudent to take the additional time needed to provide the most complete answers possible.

We appreciate that since the NPT project is still a proposal, there are many questions that you would like to have answered to further the mission of the ECC. Many of the questions you provided to us include a variety of technical, engineering, planning, permitting, construction and operation inquiries, some of which required a significant amount of additional analysis in order to prepare answers that are as complete as possible at this point in the process. As noted in the enclosure, a few of the questions you provided remain unanswerable at this time. With respect to certain engineering questions, a significant amount of time was necessary to advance our preliminary engineering design and to perform specific calculations (e.g., weights of materials used for typical tangent structure types). Additionally, with regard to wetland impacts specific to the Town of Easton, we needed to process raw GIS data to refine and correlate the project's design elements (i.e., structures and access routes) in order to better avoid or minimize such impacts, and to accurately calculate permanent and temporary wetland impacts that cannot be avoided or minimized.

We recognize the important role the ECC plays in the Town of Easton and it is important to us to provide the best information possible to you. We hope that you find the attached information useful to you.

In the meantime, we continue to work through the engineering and permitting stages of NPT and we look forward to further discussions with you as the process evolves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry Fortier".

Jerry Fortier, Project Director
Northern Pass, LLC

Enclosures