

May 18, 2016

Ms. Pamela Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**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**

**Status Update regarding Mechanism for Providing Access to Discovery Materials
and Venue for Adjudicative Hearings**

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Northern Pass Transmission LLC (“NPT”) provides the following update with respect to certain logistical matters intended to promote the prompt and orderly conduct of this proceeding. First, NPT has arranged with Target Litigation Consulting (“Target”), an independent third party, who will operate a File Transfer Protocol (“FTP”) based site that will be a repository for discovery materials generated by NPT in response to data requests issued in this proceeding (hereinafter referred to as “ShareFile” or the “Site”). Second, NPT has leased a location in Concord, at 49 Donovan Street, to be used for the adjudicative hearings in this proceeding, as well as any preliminary meeting or hearings as the Subcommittee determines appropriate.

NPT has retained Target to operate a ShareFile site, which is a commonly used secure virtual data room. As an independent third party, Target will operate ShareFile separately and apart from the SEC website. Following are operational details for ShareFile.

- Each party or group of intervenors should designate an individual within its party or group to have access to ShareFile. The designated representative will receive an invitation to ShareFile from Target. Once invited, the designated representative will create a user name and password to access ShareFile.
- The Joint Applicants will be given two user names and passwords (one for each Applicant) to access ShareFile.

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- Initially, only the Joint Applicants will have the capability to upload documents to ShareFile. All other designated users will only have the capability to download documents from ShareFile at this stage of the proceeding.
- Before responses to data requests can be uploaded, Target is charged with creating a folder for the Joint Applicants to upload their responses, called Joint Applicants' Responses to Data Requests. Within that folder, there will be subfolders for the Joint Applicants to individually respond to each party's data requests designated by the party's name (e.g., a folder for Counsel for the Public, SPNHF, Municipal Sub-Group #1, and so on).
- After the Joint Applicants have completed their responses to each set of data requests, the Joint Applicants will upload their responses directly to ShareFile in the proper folder.
- By the due date of each set of data requests, the Joint Applicants will make their answers available to all designated representative in the virtual data room. Each designated representative will then be able to access the responses and download them to their personal computer or print them for distribution amongst their group.
- Once the Joint Applicants propound data requests upon the other parties involved (i.e., Counsel for the Public and other intervenors), those parties will be given the capability to upload documents to ShareFile from Target. Responses to data requests drafted by other parties must be uploaded to ShareFile by the due date, yet to be determined. Each party or group of intervenors will be given a folder for uploading their answers in ShareFile. Once uploaded, all designated users, including the Joint Applicants, will be able to download and print those responses.
- Target will have the sole responsibility of managing ShareFile, setting up folders, and officially sending invites to the designated users. Those identified as the designated user will be provided contact information to speak directly to Target regarding administration of the site; Target should not be contacted about the content of responses. Furthermore, any participant who is not a designated user should not contact Target directly.
- Members of the SEC, will not receive a user name or password per the Committee's rules governing discovery. *See* Site 202.12(g) ("Responses to data requests and objections to data requests shall not be filed with the committee or subcommittee.").
- The Applicants will bear the costs of paying for ShareFile and paying for any expenses incurred by Target to maintain the Site.

With respect to the venue for the adjudicative hearings, NPT believes that the Donovan Street facility provides an appropriate combination of accessibility, size for the hearing room, parking, and other features, such as break-out rooms. Of course, NPT will coordinate with you to

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assure that the location is outfitted in a way that best accommodates the requirements of the Committee and the needs of the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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