

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

#### **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 the Construction of a New High Voltage Electric Transmission Line in New Hampshire**

Northern Pass Transmission LLC (“NPT”) and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) will hold public information sessions to present information regarding an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (“Application”) to construct and operate a new high voltage electric transmission line in New Hampshire. The proposed facility involves construction of an approximately 192-mile transmission line, with a capacity of approximately 1,000 MW, from the Canadian border in Pittsburg, New Hampshire to a substation located in Deerfield, New Hampshire, comprising a 158.3-mile, +/-320 kV direct current (DC) segment and a 33.7-mile, 345 kV alternating current (AC) segment. Approximately 60.5 miles will be located underground in public roads in three separate segments. The overhead portion of the proposed facility includes approximately 32 miles of transmission line located in new right-of-way (ROW) and 99.5 miles located in existing ROW already occupied by other transmission lines. Six transition stations will be installed at points where the transmission line transitions between overhead and underground and a converter terminal will be located in Franklin, New Hampshire to convert electricity from DC to AC.

The DC segment will follow new ROW from (1) the Canadian border to a point in Pittsburg, (traveling overhead for a distance of approximately 2.1 miles); (2) transition to underground in Pittsburg to a point in Clarksville, (for a distance of approximately .7 miles); (3) transition to overhead within Clarksville (for a distance of approximately 2.3 miles); (4) transition back to underground in Clarksville primarily along municipal and state roads to a point in Stewartstown, (for a distance of approximately 7.5 miles); (5) run overhead from Stewartstown, through Dixville and Millsfield, on new ROW to a point in Dummer, (for a distance of approximately 27.6 miles); (6) continue overhead along existing transmission line ROW in Dummer, through Stark, Northumberland, Lancaster, Whitefield, and Dalton, to a point in Bethlehem, (for a distance of approximately 40.4 miles); (7) transition to underground in Bethlehem along state roads, through Sugar Hill, Franconia, Easton, Woodstock, Thornton, Campton, and Plymouth, to a point in Bridgewater, (for a distance of approximately 52.3 miles); (8) transition in Bridgewater back to overhead along existing ROW occupied by existing transmission lines, through Ashland, New Hampton, Bridgewater, Bristol, and Hill to the converter terminal in Franklin (for a distance of approximately 25.4 miles); and, (9) the AC segment will proceed along existing transmission line ROW from Franklin, through Northfield, Canterbury, Concord, Pembroke, and Allenstown, to an Eversource substation in Deerfield (for a distance of approximated 33.7 miles).

Portions of existing Eversource transmission and distribution lines collocated with the DC segment and with the AC segment will be rebuilt to accommodate the proposed facility. In addition, in order for the proposed facility to reliably interconnect with the New England transmission system, NPT and Eversource anticipate modification or replacement of a limited number of structures for existing transmission lines that traverse an area between Deerfield Substation in Deerfield New Hampshire, and Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Those transmission lines are located in the

towns of Deerfield, Raymond, Candia, Chester, Auburn and Londonderry. Both substations will also be expanded.

NPT and Eversource will soon file their Application with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“SEC”). RSA 162-H:10 requires that an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located at least 30 days prior to filing the Application. In accordance with the statute, NPT and Eversource will hold the following public information sessions:

- For Merrimack County on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at the Grappone Conference Center, 7 Constitution Ave., Concord.
- For Rockingham County on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at the Deerfield Fair Pavilion, 34 Stage Rd., Deerfield.
- For Grafton County on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Mountain Club on Loon Resort & Spa, 90 Loon Mountain Rd., Lincoln.
- For Coös County on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, 101 Mountain View Rd., Whitefield.
- For Belknap County on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at the Lake Opechee Inn & Spa, 62 Doris Ray Court, Laconia.

At each session, information will be presented regarding the proposed facility, and the public will have the opportunity to provide comments and to ask questions. Consistent with past Site Evaluation Committee practice, members of the public will be asked to submit their questions in writing and the questions will be addressed. The public will then be permitted to provide oral comments. A time limit on each commenter may be imposed depending on turnout. All comments will be transcribed. Written comments may be submitted at any point during the evening. The transcript and written comments will be submitted to the SEC along with the Application.

The approximate schedule for each session is as follows:

Open House: 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Public Information Session:

Project Overview -- 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Questions & Answers -- 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments -- 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

As noted above, an Open House will immediately precede and run concurrently with the public information session. During the Open House, representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions.