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November 17, 2015

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-05: Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid: Joint Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project - Notice of Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid, have submitted an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility in connection with the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project – a proposed 345 kV transmission line that will run from Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire through the towns of Londonderry, Hudson, Windham and Pelham, New Hampshire. In connection with that application, and in accordance with the Orders, both dated November 10, 2015, I enclose copies of the Notices of Public Hearings scheduled to take place December 8th, 2015 and December 9th, 2015 in Hudson and Londonderry. I also attach my Affidavit attesting to the publication of the notices.

If you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barry Needleman

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

JOINT APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY BY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY &
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 345 KV TRANSMISSION
LINE IN SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE

SEC DOCKET NO. 2015-05

AFFIDAVIT OF BARRY NEEDLEMAN

I, Barry Needleman, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Director at McLane Middleton, Professional Association, which represents Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (“PSNH”) and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP”) in the above-captioned matter.

2. PSNH and NEP intend to construct a new 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 24-miles long from the Scobie Pond Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire, to the Substation located in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. The New Hampshire portion of the line will be approximately 18-miles long. In New Hampshire, the proposed facility will be located in the Towns of Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, and Pelham.

3. RSA 162-H:10, I-c requires that the Site Evaluation Committee hold at least one public hearing in each county in which the proposed facility will be located within 90 days after acceptance of the Applicant’s Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility.

4. By Order dated November 10, 2015 PSNH and NEP are required to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing for Hillsborough County to be published no later than November 25, 2015, in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in Hillsborough County. The Order further requires that the Applicants provide a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator of the Site Evaluation Committee no later than November 27, 2015.

5. By Order dated November 10, 2015 PSNH and NEP are required to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing for Rockingham County to be published no later than November 25, 2015, in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in Rockingham County. The Order further requires that the Applicants provide a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator of the Site Evaluation Committee no later than November 30, 2015.

6. Pursuant to the Order, the Public Notice for the Rockingham County Public Hearing was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on Monday, November 16, 2015, which is prior to November 25, 2015. Copies of the Notice of Public Hearing for Rockingham County are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. The Public Notice for the Hillsborough County Public Hearing was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on Monday, November 16, 2015, which is prior to November 25, 2015. Copies of the Notice of Public Hearing for Rockingham County are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

11/17/15

Date



Barry Needleman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared before me this 17th day of November, 2015, the above-described Barry Needleman, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

Legal Notice

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Docket No. 2015-05
Re: Joint Application of
New England Power Company
d/b/a National Grid and
Public Service Company
of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy for
a Certificate of Site and Facility
Background**

On August 5, 2015, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy filed a joint application for a certificate of site and facility (Application) with the Site Evaluation Committee. The Application seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Site and Facility approving the siting, construction and operation for a new 345 kV electric transmission line. The proposed transmission line will be constructed in an existing developed transmission line corridor between NEP's Tewksbury 22A Substation in Tewksbury, Massachusetts and PSNH's Scobie Pond 345 kV Substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire. The pre-existing transmission line corridor traverses the towns of Pelham and Hudson in Hillsborough County, and Windham and Londonderry in Rockingham County.

ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire, will conduct a Public Hearing on **December 9, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, New Hampshire**. The public hearing is held pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-c, and shall be a joint hearing, with representatives of state agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to environmental impact. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the public hearing shall be a joint hearing with the other state agencies and shall be in lieu of all hearings otherwise required by any of the other state agencies;

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy shall cause a copy of this Notice of Public Hearing to be published no later than November 25, 2015, in one or more newspaper(s) having a regular circulation in Rockingham County, and provide a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator no later than November 30, 2015; and

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy shall bear the cost of said publication(s).

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this twelfth day of November, 2015.

New Hampshire Site
Evaluation Committee
F. Anne Ross, Chairman

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EXHIBIT B

Legal Notice

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-05

**Re: Joint Application of
New England Power Company
d/b/a National Grid and
Public Service Company
of New Hampshire**

**d/b/a Eversource Energy for
a Certificate of Site and Facility
Background**

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ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire, will conduct a Public Hearing on **December 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Hudson Memorial School, 1 Memorial Drive, Hudson, New Hampshire.** The public hearing is held pursuant to RSA 162-H: 10, I-c, and shall be a joint hearing, with representatives of state agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to environmental impact. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the public hearing shall be a joint hearing with the other state agencies and shall be in lieu of all hearings otherwise required by any of the other state agencies;

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy shall cause a copy of this Notice of Public Hearing to be published no later than November 25, 2015, in one or more newspaper(s) having a regular circulation in Hillsborough County, and provide a copy of the published public notice to the Administrator no later than November 27, 2015; and

It is hereby further ordered, that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy shall bear the cost of said publication(s).

By Order of the Site Evaluation Committee, this tenth day of November, 2015.

New Hampshire Site
Evaluation Committee
F. Anne Ross, Chairman
(UL - Nov. 16)