

April 6, 2015

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BUREAU OF HIGHWAY DESIGN**

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

**PROJECT:** Eversource Northern Pass

**DATE OF CONFERENCE:** March 4, 2015

**LOCATION OF CONFERENCE:** Bridge Design (18) / Bridge Maintenance (26) Covered  
Bridge Conference Room

**ATTENDED BY:** Jerry Fortier, Eversource  
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Mark Hodgdon, Law Office of Mark P. Hodgdon  
Melodie Esterberg, NHDOT – Highway Design  
Lennart Suther, NHDOT – Highway Design

**SUBJECT:** Future Permit Process for Northern Pass

**NOTES ON CONFERENCE:**

The Department of Energy (DOE) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is in process and expected to be issued in April 2015. The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) application will follow and is anticipated to take 12 to 14 months. A request for additional portions to be constructed underground may be coming out of the DOE draft EIS. The current draft project plans contain both plan and profile. If additional underground segments or revised alignments come out of the DOE draft EIS those segments will be shown on plan view without profile.

Eversource is proposing a Use & Occupancy Agreement (U&O) for the entire alignment with individual encroachment permits for each roadway segment as necessary for construction. The individual encroachment permits will be separated by Municipality and Roadway. This is different from the normal process where the U&O is issued concurrently or just before the encroachment permit. Aerial crossings of the Controlled Access or Limited Access Right-of-Way will be handled in the normal process with discussion and documentation of exceptions for longitudinal facilities.

Class IV Roadways with a municipality will be handled as part of the SEC process not with the individual municipalities.

Final Design of the alignment, infrastructure and preparation of environmental plans, including restoration, in each segment will occur during the SEC process.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2016. During construction Eversource will maintain concern with Safety, Public Involvement and Environmental issues.

**FOLLOW-UP:**

No follow-up required.

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