

July 6, 2016

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

PROJECT: Northern Pass

DATE OF CONFERENCE: June 28, 2016

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: 7 Hazen B34 211 Kancamagus Conf Rm

ATTENDED BY: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Melodie Esterberg – Chief of Design Services
Lennart Suther – Utilities Engineer, Design Services
Matthew Powers – Utility Coordinator, Design Services
Lou Barker - Railroad Planner, Rail & Transit (Partial)

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Jerry Fortier – NPT Project Manager, Eversource Energy
Stephanie Labbe – PAR Electric
Mike Pillsbury – Louis Berger Group
Mark Hodgdon – Hodgdon Law
Sam Johnson – Burns & McDonnell Engineering

SUBJECT: Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) Application Process and Design Update

NOTES ON CONFERENCE:

See attached Agenda.

The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) has issued a revised procedural schedule. The revised schedule has extended various data requests and responses until August 19, 2016. Technical sessions with witnesses (experts) from the Applicant, and Public and Intervenors will now be held between September 5, 2016 and February 15, 2017. The Final Pre-Hearing conference will be conducted on or before March 28 and 29, 2017.

There were no comments or changes to the May 24, 2016 meeting minutes.

All the submitted permit applications for geotechnical work at both the open cut and directional horizontal drill sites in District 1 and District 3 have been approved and returned. New permit applications for approximately a half dozen locations in District 2 will be submitted shortly. Most of the geotechnical work within District 3 is complete except for a few locations that required the shoreland permit. Eversource thanked the Department for responsiveness in providing letters for the shoreland permits and the turn around on the permit applications.

Survey work is anticipated to be completed next week.

Mr. Fortier asked if the Department had received any new complaints and requested Eversource be notified of any complaints so that issues can be remedied in a timely manner. Ms. Esterberg responded that there have been no complaints since the boring hole issue discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Labbe stated that the Standard Operating Procedure is to review all boring locations a few weeks after the work is completed to review for and repair any settlement issues.

Eversource is currently performing historic/archeological record research along the route. It is anticipated that permit applications for field investigations will be submitted in late summer. The number of sites that will required field investigations are still unknown at this time.

With the rail corridor encumbered with multiple facilities and discussions with the Town of Plymouth did not result in a practical solution that benefits all interested parties Eversource will be proceeding with the original proposed route along US 3 through downtown Plymouth. Ms. Esterberg again recommended that Eversource use Subsurface Utility Engineer to determine the location of the underground utilities in areas of congested utility facilities. Ms. Labbe responded that this is being evaluated with the incorporation of the utility information into survey base plans.

Mr. Pillsbury noted that there have several questions regarding the proposed traffic control during construction. Mr. Pillsbury noted that Eversource is responding that as the design progresses the proposed traffic control will adhere to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the NHDOT requirements.

With meetings now scheduled for 1:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month, the next meeting is on July 26, 2016.

Submitted by:

Lennart Suther
Utilities Engineer

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NOTED BY: MAE, MCP

cc: Attendees, Christopher Waszczuk, David Rodrigue, Philip Beaulieu, Douglas King, Alan Hanscom, Richard Radwanski, Brian Schutt, Charles Schmidt, Shelley Winters