

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

PROJECT: Northern Pass

DATE OF CONFERENCE: July 26, 2016

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: 7 Hazen B34 211 Kancamagus Conf Rm

ATTENDED BY: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mike Servetas – Assistant Director of Operations

Melodie Esterberg – Chief of Design Services

Lennart Suther – Utilities Engineer, Design Services

Matthew Powers – Utility Coordinator, Design Services

Alan Hanscom – NH DOT District 3 Maintenance Engineer (Partial)

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Jerry Fortier – NPT Project Manager, Eversource Energy

Stephanie Labbe – PAR Electric

Lance Clute – 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.

Mike Servetas, the Department's new Assistant Director of Operations, was introduced to the Eversource Energy team.

Eversource noted that the time NHDOT anticipated needing complete plans for review regarding the issuance of permits being January and February was not included in the previous meeting conference report. See additional discussion during this meeting. The notes from the previous meeting were accepted with no further changes.

Eversource provided an update regarding the 7/22/2016 incident where a geotechnical exploration crew hit a Woodstock water service in North Woodstock. Dig Safe ticket was pulled and facilities marked in the area, but not in the actual location of the facility hit. It took several hours to shut-off service due to difficulty finding the shut-off. The repair and repaving was

completed by 2:30 pm. The limits of the water facilities in North Woodstock have been determined so future work is anticipated to avoid conflicts. PAR Electric believes everything was done properly so the incident was not a failure of due diligence. PAR Electric is moving forward with a private utility marking company to perform a check to avoid future issues. Eversource noted their appreciation of PAR's immediate response to remedy the problem.

Field survey work is complete except field checks and mapping. Anticipate the survey mapping to be completed the first part of August.

PAR Electric added a third field crew for geotechnical work. The majority of the remaining work is in Highway Maintenance District 1. Anticipate 6 weeks remaining of field geotechnical work. PAR Electric noted that it appears that the field geotechnical work is ahead of schedule.

The Engineering Design schedule was provided by Eversource (see copy attached). PAR Electrical Contractors will be further developing the design schedule with additional task necessary to complete the design. The next meeting is anticipated to be a working meeting with Designers for discussion of the tasks under the DOT District 1 and DOT District 3 bars and other task relative to the submission of plans towards the issuance of a permit.

It is anticipated that excavation permit application submissions for project construction will be provided in several packages for ease of review. The first submission will be smaller (test/sample packages) so any changes/modifications can be incorporated into the next submissions. These first submissions are anticipated to be in October of 2016.

The additional task in the Engineering Design schedule will include work for the aerial plan submittals to NHDOT. Those submittals shall be in the same format per District, Town, and Road as for the roadway segments. The Department's conditions for the crossings of I-93 and I-393 will need to be incorporated into the plans. The aerial crossing of I-393 will need further review to resolve conflicts with facilities crossing over the bridges over Portsmouth Avenue. Eversource will take action to provide plans of the aerial crossings for review of potential impacts to NHDOT Districts 2, 5, and 6.

Eversource provided a general outline of the project and design process for the benefit of Mr. Servetas.

Mr. Hodgdon asked about the status of the Department's response to the SEC Orders On Motion To Suspend specifically relative to the time for NHDOT to file final determination for permit request. Ms. Esterberg replied that the Department was evaluating whether an extension would be requested.

Eversource will provide a schedule of the historic/archeological research necessary along the route. Permit applications for field investigations within the NHDOT right-of-way will be required. The number of sites that will require field investigations are still unknown at this time.

Meetings are now scheduled for 1:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month, therefore the next meeting is on August 23, 2016.

Submitted by:

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Utilities Engineer

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NOTED BY: MAE, MCP

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

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