

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

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

**PROJECT:** Northern Pass Transmission

**DATE OF CONFERENCE:** September 19, 2017

**LOCATION OF CONFERENCE:** 7 Hazen B34 203 Piscataqua River Conference Room

**ATTENDED BY:** DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

David Rodrigue – Director of Operations  
Michael Servetas – Assistant Director of Operations  
Melodie Esterberg – Chief of Design Services  
Alan Hanscom – District 3 Maintenance Engineer  
Lennart Suther – Utilities Engineer, Design Services  
Matthew Powers – Utility Coordinator, Design Services  
Charles Schmidt – Administrator, Bureau of Right-of-Way  
Robert Talon – Licensed Land Surveyor, Right-of-Way

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Sam Johnson – Burns & McDonnell Engineering  
Don Cortez – PAR Electric  
Joe Dornfried – Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP  
Matthew Mahon – PAR Electric  
Lynn Frazier - Louis Berger  
Ken Clinton – Meridian Land Services, Inc.  
Cynthia Boisvert – Arago Land Consultants  
Jen Marks – BL Companies  
Bob Roper – BL Companies

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

**NOTES ON CONFERENCE:**

See attached Agenda.

NPT's last witness at the SEC Judiciary Hearings is expected to be finished on Friday, which will end the first list of witnesses. Two NPT panels have been recalled for further testimony, the Construction panel to review DOT issues and the Historical panel to review the Programmatic Agreement. Then the Interveners will begin with their legal counsel. An oral decision by the SEC is anticipated in February of 2018 with the written decision in March of 2018.

There was one correction to the August 15, 2017 meeting conference report. The second sentence of second paragraph was revised to read, "The Historic witnesses are the next to be followed by the Visual witnesses, then followed by Orderly Development anticipated to be completed by the end of this week, with the Hearings phase ending in September 2017."

There was a general discussion of the procedure for performing survey work and mapping to comply with Condition #4 as outline in the "draft" September 5, 2017 conference report of the meeting between NPT and the Department's Bureau of Right-of-Way.

NPT is proposing that NHDOT ROW plans, applicable Commissioners' Return of Layouts, Historic layout records, current land owner deed references to monuments and other record plans referenced in deeds would be used to establish right-of-way.

Field work would then locate additional monuments noted during research and tie-in existing previously located monuments.

Using existing and new research, right-of-way plans will show a geometrically correct survey centerline with stationing, the resulting right-of-way determination from the research, the station and offset to recovered monuments and key right-of-way points, and annotation of the right-of-way basis, width, layout and record plans used. Right-of-way survey plans will show discrepancies between established right-of-way location and other survey records such as deed information to provide clarification if there are questions between documents.

A Survey Report Addendum would then be issued explaining the process and providing the above revised right-of-way plans.

The Department asked if the monument station and offset would reference the Department plan station and offset. It was noted that the Department station and offset would not be shown but the annotation would reference the Department plan.

The Department asked if the survey centerline could be added to the construction plan so Department can reference Survey plan and then Department plans during plan review and construction. NPT will provide a sample plan for the Department's comments.

Revised right-of-way survey plans will be submitted in segments for Department review through Ms. Esterberg with copies to the Bureau of Right-of-Way. NPT will highlight or note areas of concern for more detailed Department review. The Department anticipates 1 – 2 weeks to review a segment. NPT recognizes that the Department check of the right-of-way survey plan is needed before review of exception requests can occur. Mr. Rodrigue asked whether the backup data would be provided with the final submittal. Both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Talon stated that submitting the backup data would not be necessary as it will be referenced on the plans; as most are Department or recorded records. The final submittal of the accepted documents, plan and report, will be both paper and electronic.

NPT will prepare a draft schedule of the right-of-way submittals for Department comment.

Ms. Esterberg was not able to get on the September agenda of the Traffic Control Committee to present the Traffic Management Plan Determination Request Memo. She is

targeting the October meeting on the third Thursday. NPT should plan to be in attendance to present their construction sequence, if requested.

NPT will provide a single updated proposed submittal and review schedule for both the Right-of-Way and Exception Request submissions.

NPT noted that the plan view of the general plans of the associated alignments adjacent to the areas of Exception Request will be updated to determine the limits of an exception request and can be provided at the same time where Department comments could be obtained at the same time. This will allow the Department to provide comments to the general plan and the exception request at the same time and not have concerns with the adjacent alignment in the future. The Department agreed with receiving both general plans and exception requests as it will help in the review process.

Mr. Rodrigue noted that the Department will review the proposed Survey procedure and provide comments as to whether or not the Department will accept that process as compliance with Condition #4.

Future meetings will be scheduled as needed.

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cc: Attendees, Christopher Waszczuk, William Cass, Philip Beaulieu, James McMahon, Douglas King, Richard Radwanski, Brian Schutt, Shelley Winters