

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

PROJECT: Northern Pass

DATE OF CONFERENCE: January 24, 2017

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: 7 Hazen B15 112/113 Franklin Pierce 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
Alan Hanscom – NH DOT District 3 Maintenance Engineer (partial)

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

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

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

NOTES ON CONFERENCE:

See attached Agenda.

The technical sessions at the SEC are continuing with technical expert's testimony through March of 2017. The Merit Hearings are expected in April 2017.

There was a clarification on the purpose of the line shown on the I-393 crossing in Concord profiles. The line shown on the top of the poles is "a ground wire which also acts as a lighting arrestor". See attached revised 11/29/2016 meeting minutes which will replace the previous minutes.

Ms. Esterberg provided a flash drive containing the requested plans for bridges in proximity to the proposed NPT alignment, except for a bridge in Easton and a bridge in Campton for which the NHDOT does not have plans.

Ms. Esterberg stated that comments to ROT3 and NRTH segment Design packages are anticipated to be provided within the next two weeks. The comments will be in the same format as for the sample Design package with general, site specific, and exception request comments. A major concern is the right-of-way width shown in some areas, specifically along NH 116 and a location at an interchange on US 3 with I-93. Mr. Hodgdon noted that the right-of-way along NH 116 was difficult to research. Ms. Labbe will check on the right-of-way width along US 3.

Eversource will check on the possibility of designing the C189 line over the I-393 Bridge over Portsmouth Street to accommodate a short term outage for the bridge reconstruction.

Eversource requested information on the structural box depths for the various roadways along the NPT route. Ms. Esterberg explained that the structural box depth varies with the amount of traffic, the percentage of trucks and the underlying soil stability and the Department is discussing various options to provide depths for the different roadways.

With meetings scheduled for 1:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month the next meeting is on February 28, 2017.

Submitted by:

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Utilities Engineer

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NOTED BY: MAE, MCP

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