

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION, LLC

Petition to Cross State Lands

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

NOW comes the Adjutant General ("Adj. General"), by and through its counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, and submits the following Preliminary Statement:

1. The Adj. General is the State agency charged with overseeing at least one of the properties identified in the above-reference properties. The property is approximately 220 acres, with 40 acres developed and 180 acres currently undeveloped, and is located in Pembroke. The Adj. General is responsible for the ecological resources and military uses on these properties.

2. The Adj. General knows that there are existing easements or rights-of-way for utilities, including electric lines, on the property identified in this Petition. The Adj. General does not have any concerns regarding the current use of these existing easements or rights-of-way. However, the Adj. General does have some questions and possible concerns regarding changes to these existing easements or rights-of-way.

3. Some of the concerns/questions are:

a. Will there be any change in the location or width of the existing easement/rights-of-way?

b. If the new transmission lines are constructed, will there be any change in the Adj. General's use of the existing or modified easements/rights-of-way?

c. What other impacts outside of the easements/rights-of-way are expected during construction? Such as staging areas, cutting of trees or vegetation, construction of roads, etc.

d. What would be the impact to the general use of the property by the Adj. General of the area near the easements/rights-of-way during construction? After construction?

e. What would be the impact to the ecological resources near the easement/rights-of-way during construction? After construction?

f. What is the expected change in the noise coming from the transmission lines if the new transmission line is allowed to be constructed?

g. What would be the visual impacts of the new transmission line?

h. How would the Adj. General's use and safety be managed during construction?

4. The Adj. General has filed, contemporaneously with this Preliminary Statement, an Appearance and a Petition to Intervene in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

ADJUTANT GENERAL

By his counsel,

JOSEPH A. FOSTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

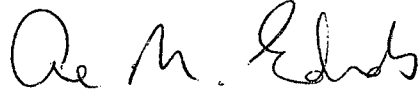
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Preliminary Statement were emailed on March 31, 2016, to all parties and individuals identified on the service list.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Edwards". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anne M. Edwards