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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

April 29, 2016

Re:

DE 15-464, Eversource Energy

Proposed Lease with Northern Pass Transmission, LLC

Pending Motions to Intervene

To the Parties:

On April 12, 2016, the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) filed a late petition to intervene in the referenced docket. Also, on April 12, 2016, Kris Pastoriza filed a late petition to intervene.

SPNHF stated that it owns property that is affected by Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's (Eversource) proposed lease agreement with Northern Pass Transmission, LLC (NPT) for the construction of the Northern Pass Project. Eversource did not object to SPNHF's petition but asked that the Commission limit SPNHF's intervention to matters other than the underlying property rights. The Commission has determined that SPNHF has a right, duty, privilege, immunity or other substantial interest in this proceeding and has granted its petition to intervene. SPNHF shall participate in this proceeding consistent with the scope of the proceeding as set forth in Order No. 25,882 (April 15, 2016).

Ms. Pastoriza, purportedly acting as a representative of Ruth Ward, owner of 294 Gibson Road in Easton, New Hampshire, states that this property is "encumbered by an easement" that is subject to the lease and seeks intervention on behalf of Ms. Ward. Ms. Pastoriza also states that the "PSNH easement crosses the right-of-way to my abutting property, 780 Gibson Road, (a right-ofway that pre-dates the siting of the line), is extensively within the viewshed of my property, and any violation of the easement contract will negatively affect my property." Eversource objected to Ms. Pastoriza's motion, stating that the Northern Pass Project would not use any easements owned by PSNH in Easton and, in Easton, the NPT line as proposed is "entirely underground in public roadways."

The filing in this docket confirms that Eversource does not propose to lease any easements in Easton. The Commission, therefore, has concluded that Ms. Pastoriza does not have a right, duty, privilege, immunity or other substantial interest in this proceeding nor has she demonstrated a reason to grant intervention as a matter of justice. Accordingly, the Commission has denied Ms. Pastoriza's petition to intervene.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland **Executive Director**

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