

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

General Business Meeting of The Site Evaluation Committee  
September 23, 2024  
4:30PM

**Present:** Daniel Goldner, Chair, Public Utilities Commission  
Robert Scott, Vice-Chair, Department of Environmental Services  
Pradip Chattopadhyay, Public Utilities Commission  
William Cass, Department of Transportation  
Joseph Doiron, Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
Michael York, Department of Cultural and Natural Resources  
James Jalbert, Public Member  
Susan Duprey, Public Member

**Attendees:** Attorney Thomas Getz  
Attorney Barry Needleman  
Consumer Advocate Donald Kreis  
Public Advocate William Harwood  
Counsel for the Public Allen Brooks  
Robert Thibault, Town of Easton  
Veronica Anne Morris, Town of Bethlehem  
Molly Lynch, Department of Energy  
Jay Dudley, Department of Energy

**Staff:** Andrew Biemer, Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee  
Mark Dell'Orfano, Department of Justice  
Sarah Fuller, Public Utilities Commission

**Other**  
See Attached.

**4:30 PM:** Chairman Daniel Goldner called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Chairman Goldner calls public meeting to order, introduces members of the committee, staff, states purpose of public meeting and outlines meeting structure.

Committee-members introduce themselves.

Chairman Goldner new law that will send future matters to the 5-person Site Evaluation Committee (3 PUC Commissioners, DES Commissioner and 1 Public Member).

Commissioner Cass makes motions to approve minutes from previous public meeting. Commissioner Chattopadhyay seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**4:35 PM:** Chairman Goldner opens review and deliberation of petitions to intervene from Eversource and Counsel for the Public.

Chairman Goldner explains why Eversource and Counsel for the Public should be granted intervenor status.

Public Member Duprey makes motion to grant intervenor status. Commissioner Chattopadhyay seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**4:38 PM:** Chairman Goldner opens review and deliberation of petitions to intervene from The Maine Public Advocate (OPA) and New Hampshire Consumer Advocate (OCA).

Attorney Harwood makes case for intervention by Maine OPA.

**4:42 PM:** Attorney Getz makes case for objection to petitions for intervention.

Town of Bethlehem and Easton indicate support for petitions of intervention.

Attorney Allen Brooks states that his office does not have an opinion on petitions for intervention.

**4:55 PM:** Attorney Harwood states that his office will abide by the scope of the proceeding, but does not yet know the exact case he will make.

**4:55 PM:** Attorney Kreis makes case for intervention by New Hampshire OCA.

Attorney Kreis indicates that he agrees with the argument made by Maine OPA. Cites ratepayer impacts to both states.

**5:00 PM:** Attorney Getz offers rebuttal to Maine OPA and New Hampshire OCA.

Towns of Bethlehem and Easton reiterate support for both petitions to intervene.

Attorney Allen Brooks states support for intervention by New Hampshire OCA, wants OCA to elaborate on technical expertise they can offer.

Attorney Kreis elaborates on expertise that his office can bring to the case if granted intervenor status.

**5:14 PM:** Chairman Goldner opens discussion to The Committee for questions.

Public Member Duprey asks for clarification about changes to committee membership and whether a new proceeding would go to the new SEC.

Public Member Duprey states that she has a strict criteria for intervenor status because the process can become cumbersome and there are redundancies. Says she does not support OCA or OPA intervention.

Commissioner Scott asks Attorney Harwood and Attorney Kreis if they can provide their expertise through the Counsel for the Public.

Attorney Kreis indicates that nobody has made the suggestion or offer.

Attorney Harwood states that it is a good suggestion, but coordination is different that intervenor status, but he is happy to coordinate.

Director Doiron indicates support for the positions stated by Public Member Duprey.

Public Member Duprey restates her position on intervenor status and there are other opportunities for OCA and OPA to participate.

Chairman Goldner points out land-use expertise by Public Member Duprey and Commissioner Cass.

Chairman Goldner asks Attorney Getz about oversight and review by FERC.

Attorney Getz replies that project will be reviewed by ISO-New England and FERC.

Chairman Goldner asks for final questions before a motion.

Attorney Kreis asks for clarity on coordination with intervenors, states there is no guarantee they would agree. Restates position on intervention.

Chairman Goldner asks for motion. Commissioner Cass makes motion to deny intervention. Public Member Duprey seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously:

Chairman Goldner instructs parties to work together on a date for follow-up hearing.

Attorney Needleman states his opinion that a new filing would go to the new SEC composition.

Chairman Goldner makes motion for the 3 parties to coordinate on a procedural schedule and date for the next hearing. Cass seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns.

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