

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION, LLC

Petition to Cross State Lands

**DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

NOW comes the Department of Resources and Economic Development (“DRED”), by and through its counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, and submits the following Preliminary Statement:

1. DRED is the State agency charged with overseeing many of the properties identified in the above-reference properties. DRED is responsible for the ecological resources and recreational uses on these properties.

2. DRED knows that there are existing easements or rights-of-way for utilities, including electric lines, on the properties identified in this Petition. DRED does not have any concerns regarding the current use of these existing easements or rights-of-way. However, DRED 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 DRED’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 recreational uses 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 public use and safety be managed during construction?

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

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By its counsel,

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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 - Parker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anne M. Edwards