U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Department of Energy Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting on NORTHERN PASS TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Washington, D.C. – The Department of Energy (DOE) will host five public scoping meetings as part of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed action of granting a Presidential permit to Northern Pass Transmission to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern New Hampshire.

Northern Pass Transmission LLC (Northern Pass) applied to DOE for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border. The proposed HVDC transmission line would be capable of transmitting up to 1,200-MW of power in either direction (Canada to the United States; United States to Canada). The line would extend south from the U.S.-Canada international border approximately 140 miles to a HVDC converter terminal that would be constructed in Franklin, New Hampshire. The converter terminal would convert the direct current to alternating current (AC) and allow the HVDC line to connect to a new 345-kv AC line that Northern Pass proposes to construct between the Franklin converter and the existing Deerfield Substation in Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Members of the public are invited to attend to obtain information about the proposed project and make comments. DOE and project personnel will be available for informal discussions prior to the presentation of oral comments.

The complete Federal Register Notice may be accessed http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-02-11/pdf/2011-3147.pdf. Further information on this project can be obtained from the project website at www.northernpasseis.us. For further information about these public hearings or the Presidential permit process, please contact Brian Mills at (202) 586-8267 or by e-mail atBrian.Mills@hq.doe.gov.

| Northern Pass Transmission Scoping Meetings | | |
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| **Location** | **Street Address** | **Date and Time** |
| Pembroke NH | Pembroke Academy cafeteria<br>209 Academy Road<br>Pembroke, NH 03275 | Monday March 14, 6-9 pm |
| Franklin NH | Franklin Opera House<br>316 Central Street<br>Franklin, NH 03235 | Tuesday March 15, 6-9 pm |
| Lincoln NH | The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room<br>90 Loon Mountain Road<br>Lincoln, NH 03251 | Wednesday March 16, 6-9 pm |
| Whitefield NH | Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room<br>101 Mount View Road<br>Whitefield, NH 03598 | Thursday March 17, 6-9 pm |
| Colebrook NH | Colebrook Elementary School<br>27 Dumont Street<br>Colebrook, NH 03576 | Saturday March 19, 1-4 pm |

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