

U.S. Department of Energy
The Northern Pass Transmission Line Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Announcing the extension of the public comment period on the Draft and Supplement to the Draft Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0463) and announcement of Postponement of Public Hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared a Draft EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations (40 CFR §§1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR §1021).

The U.S. Forest Service – White Mountain National Forest, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – New England District, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 1, and the New Hampshire (NH) Office of Energy and Planning are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

The Draft EIS addresses potential environmental impacts of the proposed action, the no action alternative, and the range of reasonable alternatives.

The current public comment period to receive comments on the Draft and the Supplement to the Draft EIS is extended to close April 04, 2016.

The public hearings scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 in Whitefield, NH; Wednesday, December 16, 2015 in Concord, NH; and Thursday, December 17, 2015 in Plymouth/Holderness, NH, are cancelled.

Public hearings to receive oral comments on the Draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS will be held prior to the close of the public comment period. Dates, times, and locations of the public hearings will be announced.