



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

February 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Authorization to Conduct Field Research and Scientific Data Collection

To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter is a professional consultant and employee of the SE Group, and is conducting field research and scientific data collection on behalf of and at the direction of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE), National Electricity Delivery Division (OE-20), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20585.

This field research and data collection effort is being performed in support of the DOE's consideration of Northern Pass Transmission LLC's application to DOE for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Canada. DOE's authority to issue a Presidential permit in response to such applications is granted by Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038. Data and other scientific information collected in this field research effort will be used in the preparation of DOE's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing the Northern Pass Presidential Permit application.

If you have questions or concerns related to the field research and scientific data collection being conducted by the bearer of this letter, please contact DOE Project Manager, Brian Mills, by electronic mail at Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov, or by phone at (202) 586-8267.

Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon C. Worthington".

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