Bill as Introduced

SB 46 - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

11-0982 06/09

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

extending and revising the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of

transmission capacity in the north country.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Rappaport,

Coos 1; Rep. Remick, Coos 2; Rep. H. Richardson, Coos 2

COMMITTEE:

Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

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Explanation:

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 - (a) Coordinate and oversee efforts to upgrade the electric transmission system in the north country consistent with the findings contained in 2008, 348:1.
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- (2) Developing the framework for a proposal for the upgrade of the transmission system in the north country for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that fairly balances the costs and benefits of the upgrade between developers and ratepayers. "Community benefits" shall be included as part of deliberation and as part of the final framework.
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- 2008, 348:6 Report. The transmission commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library in the form of an interim report on or before December 1, [2008-2009 and a final report on or before December 1, 2010] 2011. The commission's [final] report shall include a detailed plan of action to accomplish an upgrade of an electric transmission line in Coos county, which is capable of transmitting electrical power generated in Coos county from renewable energy sources in New Hampshire to the electrical power market.
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 - industry.
 - (c) [A-representative of the (FERC) Federal Energy-Regulatory Commissioner or an individual with expertise in the area of federal electricity transmission regulation, appointed by that commission.
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5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendments

Energy and Natural Resources February 24, 2011 2011-0517s 06/03

Amendment to SB 46

1	Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:						
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4	248:3 to read as follows:						
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8	speaker of the house of representatives.						
9	(c) The director of the office of energy and planning, or designee.						
10	(d) The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development, or						
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12	(e) A commissioner of the public utilities commission, or designee.						
13	(f) [The governor, or designee.						
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6	4 to read as 4 and 5, respectively:
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Committee Minutes

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SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senator Bob Odell Chairman Senator John Gallus V Chairman Senator Jeb Bradley Senator Gary Lambert Senator Amanda Merrill

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Date: January 27, 2011

HEARINGS

		Thursday	2/10/2011	Action was recommended.
ENERGY.	AND NATURA	AL RESOURCES	LOB 102	10:00 AM
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START: 10:04 AM

END: 10:22 Am

Richard Parsons 271-3076

Sen. Bob Odell

Chairman

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Hearing Report

TO:

Members of the Senate

FROM:

Richard Parsons, Legislative Aide

RE: Hearing report on SB 46 – extending and revising the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.

HEARING DATE:

02/10/2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Senators Odell, Gallus, Bradley, Lambert, Merrill

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: No one

Sponsor(s): Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Carson, Dist 14;

Rep. Rappaport, Coos 1; Rep. Remick, Coos 2; Rep. H.

Richardson, Coos 2

What the bill does: This bill extends the term of and revises the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.

Who supports the bill: Sen. Gallus, District 1; Sen. Carson, District 14; Rep. Bill Remick, Coos 2; Doug Patch, Wagner Forest Management; Jasen Stock, NH Timberland Owners Association;

Who opposes the bill: No one.

Neutral position: Amy Ignatius, NHPUC; Donna Gamache, PSNH; Laura Richardson, OEP

Summary of testimony received:

Senator John Gallus, District 1- prime sponsor

- Hearing opened at 10:04 A.M.
- This bill simply seeks to extend the term of the commission to December 1st, 2011, based on recommendation by the North Country Transmission Council in their report submitted December 1, 2010.

- The bills also seeks to reduce the number of participants, namely legislative members from two members of the Senate and two members from the House of Representatives to one member each respectively.
- The North Country Transmission Commission was created in 2008 and initially focused on:
 - o Understanding the issues of transmission capacity
 - o The workings of the regional transmission system
 - o How the Coos Loop facilities fit within the regional system
 - The options and associated costs to increase transmission capacity
 - o Potential renewable developers who might bring wind, biomass and new hydropower onto the grid using North Country resources.
- It is important that this commission continue its work to help create a plan of action to accomplish an upgrade of an electric transmission line in Coos County, which is capable of transmitting electrical power generated in Coos County from renewable energy sources in New Hampshire to the electrical power market.
- Question from Senator Merrill: Another change in the governor or designee?
 - Yes, recommendation from what is known to get rid of the governor or his designee.

Donna Gamache, PSNH

- Neutral
- The original commission was passed in 2008 and prior to that the PUC chaired an ad hoc group that came up with some options.
 - o That was forwarded to the transmission commission.
 - o They hired a consultant
- Would ask that the new transmission commission take into account some of the options already recommended.
- Question from Senator Odell: How often did the commission meet?
 - o Was meeting monthly, and was chaired by Martha Fuller Clark.
- Question from Senator Odell: Has it met since after election?
 - Yes, once with a report.

Doug Patch, Wagner and Forest Management

- In support
- Wagner is working on renewable energy projects: 180 megawatt wind facility Wagner is hoping to build.
- · Want a wind project and need the funding
- Question from Odell: Is it the Coos Loop that needs to be expanded?
 - o Yes, and other options were considered
 - o Want to build the wind project but there is no transmission to build it.
 - o Great wind resources that should be taken care of.

Amy Ignatius, Commissioner PUC

Neutral

- Background on involvement:
 - o Has met at times monthly
 - o PUC played a role as administrative help for the commission.
 - Served as an educational forum as it is an extremely complex problem with a changing landscape that has not been easily solved.
- It can continue to educate people as things change.
- It is a cumbersome process to take real action.
- Many participants but not enough voting members.
 - o Need 6 voting members for a quorum.
 - o Going forward they would have to be careful that there needs to be a good structure for decision making.
- It also was not successful because had hoped the forum would lead to a consensus among developers as to a way to expand the loop because they are the ones who would directly benefit.
- The bill as proposed has a very specific mandate to send something to FERC to develop.
- Not aware of a federal source which would hire a consultant to do an economic study and OEP says there isn't any money available.
- To file something at FERC with a successful conclusion is quite an undertaking.
 - o Have to advocate for it and respond to request from people that try to intervene, and hearings by a hearing judge.
 - o Don't always follow the same pattern but they are difficult having to be in Washington in a cumbersome process.
- If the end product must produce a plan of action who is going to actually take the case to FERC?
 - o It is complex, expensive and brings a conflict of interest for the PUC because they have to be neutral when it comes to purchase power agreements and other steps the PUC needs to be neutral in.
- Question from Senator Odell: Are you referring to Line 13 on Page 2 when talking about the report to FERC?
 - o No, line 2 on page 2, "...for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission..."
- Question from Senator Odell: So if we use "may" instead of "shall" on line 24 of page 1 would that work?
 - o That certainly helps to keep that as a strong thing to consider but not necessarily have to accomplish.

Hearing closed at 10:22 A.M.

Funding: Not applicable

Future Action: Pending.

RMP

[file: SB 0046 report] Date: 2/11/11

Speakers

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee: Sign-In Sheet

Date: 2/10/2011

Time: 10:00 AM Public Hearing on SB 46

SB 46

extending and revising the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.

	Name	Representing					
X	SEN. COALLUS	DISTRICT #1	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes 🛚	No □
¥	SENATOR SHARON A		Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
¥	Donna Gamacho	Panol	Support Mark	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	'No □
1	Dova Patch	Wagner Forest Manager	Support 🛛	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
1	Jasen Stock	NH Timberland Owners Assoc	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No X
¥	Louva Richardson	0EP	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No
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Rep. Bill Remen	NHPUC (205 }	Support	Oppose	Speaking?	Yes	No D
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Testimony

Statement of Senator John Gallus Senate Bill 46 February 10, 2011 Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

For the record, my name is John Gallus and I am the Senator for District 1 that includes all of Coos County and the northern towns in both Grafton and Carroll Counties.

I am the prime sponsor of Senate Bill 46, extending and revising the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the North Country. This bill simply seeks to extend the term of the commission to December 1st, 2011, based on recommendation by the North Country Transmission Commission in their report submitted December 1, 2010.

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Thank you for your consideration.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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The Honorable Bob Odell, Chair Energy and Natural Resources Committee New Hampshire State Senate State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: SB 46 Extending the North Country Transmission Commission, Housekeeping Matters

Dear Senator Odell:

After the conclusion of the public hearing on Senate Bill 46 regarding the extension of the North Country Transmission Commission, I realized I had not flagged some drafting complications posed by the prior two NCTC enactments. Before voting on SB 46 you might want to consider these housekeeping matters, none of which affect the substance of the legislation.

The original bill creating the NCTC was SB 383 (See Chapter 348, 2008 session). It identified numerous non-voting participants, in some cases by referencing individuals rather than organizations or offices. For example, the bill requires the involvement of Congressman Hodes, Senator Sununu and others. Presumably the intent going forward would be to encourage the participation of the current delegation, but this is a good opportunity to make that clear.

I should note that the original bill also called for the involvement of a representative of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. See Chapter 348:3. The FERC did not designate a person to participate or even monitor the proceedings and is unlikely to do so in the future.

Finally, as I mentioned at the hearing, the number of voting members would be reduced from 12 to 9 but the quorum requirement still appears to be 6 of the voting members. See Chapter 248:2 (2009). The quorum requirement appears in the original legislation, at Chapter 348:5 (2008).

¹ SB 383 established 11 voting members, see Chapter 348:3 (2008); SB 85 added the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board as a 12th voting member.

The Honorable Bob Odell, Chair Energy and Natural Resources Committee February 11, 2011 Page 2

Thank you for considering the views of the Public Utilities Commission on February 10 and by letter today.

Sincerely,

Amy Ignatius

Commissioner

cc: Senator John T. Gallus,

Vice Chairman

Senator Jeb Bradley

Senator Gary E. Lambert

Senator Amanda A. Merrill

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: February 28, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred Senate Bill 46

AN ACT

extending and revising the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 0517s

Senator John T. Gallus For the Committee

Richard Parsons 271-3076

New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

Docket of SB46

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: extending and revising the commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.

Official Docket of \$846:

Date	Body	Description
1/19/2011	Ş	Introduced and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 3, Pg.33
1/27/2011	S	Hearing: 2/10/2011, Room 102, LOB, 10:00 a.m.; SC9
2/28/2011	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2011-0517s , 3/9/11; SC14
3/9/2011	S	Committee Amendment 0517s, AA, VV; SJ 8, Pg.88
3/9/2011	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 0517s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; SJ 8, Pg.88
3/9/2011	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution; SJ 8, Pg.99
3/16/2011	Н	Introduced and Referred to Science, Technology and Energy; HJ 28 , Pg.882
5/4/2011	н	Public Hearing: 5/17/2011 10:15 AM LOB 304
5/4/2011	н	Executive Session: 5/17/2011 1:00 PM LOB 304
5/18/2011	Η·	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for May 25 (Vote 10-6; RC); HC 41, PG.1395
5/25/2011	Н	Inexpedient to Legislate: MA VV; HJ 46, PG.1597

NH House	NH Senate

Other Referrals

COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

SB 6046 ORIGINAL REFERRAL RE-REFERRAL

 THIS INVENTORY IS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE COMMITTEE AIDE AND PLACED INSIDE THE FOLDER AS THE FIRST ITEM IN THE COMMITTEE FILE. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE FOLDER FOLLOWING THE INVENTORY IN THE ORDER LISTED. THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE AN "X" BESIDE THEM ARE CONFIRMED AS BEING IN THE FOLDER. THE COMPLETED FILE IS THEN DELIVERED TO THE CALENDAR CLERK.
X DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)
X COMMITTEE REPORT
X CALENDAR NOTICE
X HEARING REPORT
HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING
✓ PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS
X SIGN-UP SHEET(S)
ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT # AMENDMENT # AMENDMENT # AMENDMENT #
ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL: AS INTRODUCED AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE FINAL VERSION AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE
OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes):
IF YOU HAVE A RE-REFERRED BILL, YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE UP A DUPLICATE FILE FOLDER
DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 7/22/11 BY COMMITTEE AIDE