TO: State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

RE: Site Inspection to Coös County in the matter of Docket No. 2015-06

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We wish to express our Concerns about the proposed Site Inspection in the matter of the Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy, Docket No. 2015-06, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday March 7 and March 8, 2016.

- 1. Members of the Public on the SEC Distribution List received Notice of the Site Inspection on Thursday. March 3, 2016 at 4:29 PM. This is notice of ONE (1) business day. Is one (1) Business day considered adequate public notice?
- 2. The days selected coincide with State-wide Town Meetings, thus depriving those Selectmen and other Town Officials of the opportunity to attend the Site Inspection. Why were these dates selected?
- 3. The Site Inspection appears to be conducted exclusively on a bus with limited visibility for all parties from a bus window. Will this give SEC members an adequate sense of the Siting and Impact of the proposed Project? How will SEC Members on different sides of the bus be able to see the same things?
- 4. There is no evidence that the Bus will actually Stop at any point or that SEC members will be able to disembark and get a sense of the Siting and Impact of the Project. Is this appropriate in a mountainous area?
- 5. Are there any Viewpoints other than from roadways? Much of the public comment has noted that in a mountainous state the Project will be visible from many different vantage points.
- 6. Why were some of the roadways selected for the Site Inspection and identified in the Notice either very distant from pathway of the proposed Project or, at this time of the year, Closed to travel?
- 7. Who will enforce the stipulated "No Discussion of the Pending Project" described in the Notice?
- 8. Is there a contingency plan and/or new date in the event of bad weather on March 7 and 8?