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Deerfield, NH 03037
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Ms. Pamela Monroe, Administrator
Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Northern Pass Transmission, LLC, Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am a member of the Deerfield Planning Board and due to a regularly scheduled Board meeting this evening, I am unable to attend the public information session in Londonderry.

Although I support the concept of obtaining and transmitting hydro power from Quebec, I do not support the Northern Pass Transmission, LLC, application in its current form. The project calls for a 192 mile transmission line, only a portion of which will be buried. Northern Pass has determined which portions of the line will be buried and which will be above ground. Basically, Northern Pass has unilaterally decided that the transmission lines along the southern portion of the route will be above ground and the visual impact the transmission towers will have on the surrounding properties does not warrant burial. I believe many of the residents of the town of Deerfield would strongly disagree with Northern Pass' determination. Deerfield is a picturesque community which would be significantly negatively impacted by Northern Pass' transmission towers.

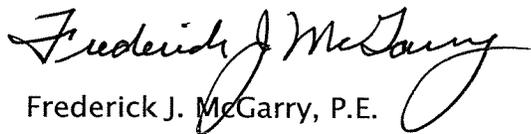
This negative visual impact could be rectified through the installation of the transmission lines underground. I realize that there would be disruption during the installation of the lines underground but once the work was completed, the lines would be out of site. This would effectively eliminate objections by abutters to the proposed route. Burial of the lines would also protect them from severe weather, such as the ice storms which struck Quebec several years ago, destroying many transmission towers and requiring significant expenditures to rebuild them. Severe weather would not be an issue with the lines being buried.

No doubt there will be members of the public at the information session Wednesday evening who will speak of the benefits of this project, namely renewable power, local jobs and municipal tax revenue, which will result from this project. This is all true. However, all of these benefits would also be realized through the burial of the transmission lines along the entire route.

Northern Pass has admitted that most of the power being supplied through this project would go to locations other than New Hampshire. I have heard estimates of up to 10% of the 1,090 MW would be supplying New Hampshire customers. If the project proceeds in its current form, New Hampshire would receive no more than 10% of the energy and 100% of the negative visual impact. New Hampshire residents will in effect be subsidizing cheap power to other communities by absorbing all of the negative visual impact.

In summary, I support the use of renewable clean energy, local jobs which would result from a project of this size and the ultimate tax revenue that would come to municipalities once the transmission line was constructed. Burial of the transmission line through the entire 192 mile route would accomplish these goals and not be an eyesore to New Hampshire's environment.

Sincerely,



Frederick J. McGarry, P.E.

Cc: Deerfield Board of Selectmen
Deerfield Conservation Commission