

COMMENT CARD

NH Site Evaluation Committee, Docket No. 2015-06
Public Information Session, RSA 162-H:10, I-a

RE: Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC
& Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy
for a Certificate of Site and Facility

LOCATION (circle one): Franklin (Jan. 11); Londonderry (Jan. 13); Laconia (Jan. 14);
Whitefield (Jan. 20); Lincoln (Jan. 21)

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If you wish to provide written comments for the record, please provide your comments below:

Revision of the Northern Pass proposal to underground portions of the transition line through the White Mountain National Forest is a step in the right direction. However, it does not go far enough. If ~~the~~ project moves forward, it must go underground throughout the entire state of New Hampshire. New Hampshire's White Mountain National Forest is a crown jewel in a state of outstanding natural and cultural landscape—our forests, farms, lakes and rivers and towns form a setting, a sense of place where the scenic beauty of these features will have an adverse effect on scenic and historic resources across the state and in Belknap County. Two Belknap County towns Newington & Northfield will ^{adversely} affect ^{natural} scenic and historic landscapes. Our ^{state's} rural working landscape farms, forests, woodlands and historic structures and towns are going to be dwarfed by the scale of 80-foot towers. Streamlined or not, towers are not the way to go!

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I disagree with the finding that this is a low impact or modest proposal. Timber harvest is not on the same scale as the permanent effect visually of a utility corridor clearing and 80-foot towers (or up to 145 feet).

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I have been following this process and attending meetings for years. I do not once feel that what I have said has been heard. This project will not benefit NH and it is bad for NH. Yes our property taxes will temporarily go down but in the end we will end up with a NH that has lost much of its beauty and a burden ~~on~~ that and we ~~are~~ we cannot afford. Please do not ruin what NH is known for. Please keep NH beautiful. We do not need or want this project.

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RSA 162-H discusses "historic sites". This is a broad term and can be define differently by individuals. Since the project must comply with state and federal laws, this definition includes standing structures, both in operating condition and in ruins, also included are prehistoric, protohistoric, and historic archaeological sites; in addition native american cultural sites are also included.

Since the public needs to understand the legal compliance inclusive sites within the term "historic sites" of RSA 162-H it should be included in the RSA and fully discussed when referring to it. This was not done in this meeting for the public.

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(1.) As the plan evolves and changes are made such as additional miles of line underground, the efforts made by Eversource to undertake additional archaeological investigations and document them. Going underground has the potential of affecting more subsurface sites than the towers previously proposed. Addenda to current archaeological reports need to be made and processed with NHDHR. The public should be informed as this is accomplished.

(2.) Burying along existing roads, when in locales not previously disturbed by road development

and other subsurface line establishment, may impact sites which exist and/or existed along some of these roadways which have some history. Industrial sites of the past may be close or within (portions of them) the locals that will receive line burial.

(3) "Historic sites" include all cultural and archaeological sites which meet the age requirements discussed state and federal law and their regulations.

These sites can be above the ground surface, within the ground surface, and below the ground surface.

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NORTHERN PASS PROJECT
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC)
Public Information Session: Laconia, NH

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Northern Pass Transmission LLC is a partnership between Hydro-Quebec and New England power supplier Eversource and answers to the stakeholders of the project and shareholders of the parent companies. Hydro-Quebec has posted huge profits in 2014 - a \$3.4 billion profit and \$2.5 billion dividend to shareholders. And 2015 was also a banner year.

New Hampton residents and surrounding town have raised their voices to state their opposition to Northern Pass Project as submitted to NH Site Evaluation Committee. We say: **BURY NORTHERN PASS**. Hydro-Quebec says they can't afford to bury Northern Pass.

We ask: **WHY?** Let's look at the numbers as printed in Coos County Democrat Newspaper (October, 2015)

why is Hydro-Québec hesitant to use some of those record profits over the next four years, the anticipated timeframe to build Northern Pass, to pay for complete burial of the transmission line?

Northern Pass ... agreed in August to bury 52 more miles of line. A step in the right direction, for sure, but the total proposed amount of buried lines is less than one-third of the project's length.

Beyond the \$1.6 billion Northern Pass anticipates to spend on the proposed route, with 60 miles of underground lines, the cost to fully bury the project would likely be less than one year of Hydro-Québec's profit. Trees and views in Coös County, where most of the transmission towers would be visible, matter as much as land around the White Mountains, the area benefiting from the August decision to bury more lines.

Dedicated residents have testified about how the tall towers of Northern Pass would diminish the joy our land provides. Hopefully Mr. Martel and Northern Pass can forgive the people of the North Country who believe our forests are more remarkable than a foreign monopoly's balance sheet. Beloved scenery and the wonders of nature - not a Canadian company's quest for more profit - make life grand in New Hampshire.

If Hydro-Québec wants to add to its financial success by sending energy down the Northern Pass route, the company needs to pay for total line burial. That might complicate construction and push the start time for the project back. So be it. New Hampshire is worth the wait.

Regardless of how beneficial nearly 1,100 megawatts of power would be for the regional electric grid, the business partners in two countries who proposed Northern Pass need to answer a question. Why won't Hydro-Québec divert some of its mighty profits to bury the entire project?

Northern Pass Project's leaders have respectfully heard many people express their doubts about the power line. Hopefully the Site Evaluation Committee will hear us even better. We cannot afford to see a state entity act as the stooge of a foreign company's record profits.

We the People raise our voices: **BURY NORTHERN PASS** Do the right thing by NH residents

Comments and Questions by Pat Hoertdoerfer, New Hampton, NH resident