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	NOTED AS PRESENT: Counsel for the Applicant: Barry Needleman, Esq.	1	[Public Comment Session opened at	· -
2	(McLane Middleton)	2	THE MODERATOR: An	d, we're
3		3	going to now go into the public cor	nment
4	Thomas B. Getz, Esq. (Devine Millimet)	4	segment. As I've said, I'm going to	call your
5	(Devine Mininet)	5	names in the order that you filed yo	our
	Also noted as present for	6	questions I mean, your comment	s. And,
	Northern Pass Transmission, LLC and	7	residents and property owners and	business
7	Eversource Energy Project Team:	8	owners of Belknap County will be	called first.
8	Bill Quinlan	9	When your name is called, please a	
	Jim Muntz	10	microphone up here, and state your	· ·
9	Sam Johnson Bob Clarke	11	town. The court reporters are going	
10	Lee Carbonneau	12	taking down all of your comments,	-
	Jerry Fortier	13	be transcribed and made part of the	
11	Mark Hodgdon	14	application. To ensure a good reco	
12	Brian Bosse Chris Soderman	15	very important that you speak slow	
13	Child Doublinun	16	clearly, and that you address your c	•
14		17	me and not to each other. If you're	
15 16		18	from a statement, please give the st	-
16 17		18	the court reporter. That will help the	
18				ichi out
19		20	later on, if they missed anything.	0.00
20 21		21	Also, to ensure that every	
∡⊥ 22		22	who wants to speak has that chance	
23		23	that you limit your comments to the	
24		24	minutes. A timer will be sitting her	re
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1	holding up a card and letting you know when	1	MR. IRVINE: of tonight's
2	you have 60 seconds left, 30 seconds left,	2	proceedings.
3	and so forth.	3	THE MODERATOR: Right.
4	I will now call I'm going	4	MR. IRVINE: Yes.
5	to call four names at a time, to avoid wait	5	THE MODERATOR: Exactly.
6	time between speakers, and chairs are	6	MR. IRVINE: Thank you.
7	reserved here in front for the speakers to	7	THE MODERATOR: Yes. The open
8	wait on while they're waiting for their turn,	8	house isn't required by the statute. That's
9	okay?	9	something that Eversource has done in order to
10	So, we're making one exception	10	provide as much information as possible about
11	to the three-minute rule, and that's for the	11	the project. But what is required is a
12	Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for New	12	certain amount of time for question and
13	Hampton. We're giving him a little break on	13	answers, and then your comments. So, we're
14	the time, since New Hampton is the only town	14	moving to that part of the statutory
15	that is impacted in Belknap County by the	15	requirement, okay?
16	proposed project. And, I'm going to begin	16	MR. IRVINE: Thank you.
16	with him, okay?	16	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Would
18	Neil Irvine. So, to come up,		you go ahead and state your name.
10 19	Neil Irvine, Bob Joseph, Junior, Gretchen	18	MR. IRVINE: Yes. Neil Irvine,
20	Draper, and Barry Draper.	19 20	Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of New
	MR. DRAPER: I'm going to let	20	Hampton. Before I begin, I would like to
21 22	somebody else go for Barry Draper. Thank you.	21	recognize that we are represented this evening
	MR. IRVINE: Your Honor, I've	22	by the full board of selectmen, our state
23 24	been asked a couple of questions in the back	23 24	representative, Valerie Fraser, and state
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1	However, if local benefit is	1	Hampton supported at Town vote in March of
2	to be part of the discussion, then we must	2	the same year. While the move to have the
3	consider the following facts: Quoting from	3	river designated as such was unsuccessful, it
4	the Department of Energy Draft EIS Summary,	4	does not change the fact that the
5	Page S-15, "alternatives that would be	5	Pemigewasset should be recognized for
6	constructed underground along existing	6	possessing outstandingly remarkable scenic,
7	roadways would impose the fewest	7	recreational, fish and wildlife, historic and
8	environmental impacts". It goes on to say,	8	cultural values. As stewards of the state's
9	"Because of the higher construction cost, the	9	resources, it is incumbent upon us to defend
10	underground alternatives would provide	10	against actions that would adversely impact
11	additional tax revenue to local taxing	11	the value, in all of its meanings, of the
12	jurisdictions." It also states, "The	12	river.
13	overhead alternatives would be expected to	13	Fact: Northern Pass, despite
14	create between five and six thousand (6,000)	14	its recent attempt at rebranding and rhetoric
15	short-term jobs and approximately 900	15	about listening to the people of New
16	permanent jobs, while the underground	16	Hampshire, has elected to place a tower
17	alternatives would be expected to create	17	within the Designated Scenic Easement for the
18	between nine and ten thousand (10,000)	18	Pemigewasset River in New Hampton, and ignore
19	short-term jobs and between 1,300 and 1,500	19	the historical and cultural significance of
20	permanent jobs." Additionally, on Page S-19,	20	identified Native Indian sites on the banks
21	Table S-3, we see that the impact of the	21	of the Pemigewasset, most notably the "Long
22	burial option on property value and	22	Carry" site, identified in the New Hampshire
23	associated property tax payments is zero.	23	Division of Historic Resources Inventory as
24	Fact: New Hampton, like a	24	"27-BK-0010", and recorded in the
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1	great many other towns, is currently involved	1	expeditionary journals of Captain Baker,
2	in litigation initiated by the utility	2	circa 1712, and Captain Peter Bowers, circa
3	companies, including Eversource, regarding	3	1754. Additionally, Dr. Ellen Cowie,
4	tax assessments of assets within our town.	4	Principal Investigator and Director of the
5	To date, New Hampton has to pay in excess of	5	Archaeology Research Center, University of
6	\$27,000 in legal expenses for the privilege of prevailing in the courts. Northern Pass	6	Maine observed in her 2008 Phase 1B report that "lines of evidence indicate probable
7	tells us that the towns will receive a much	7	Late Paleo-Indian occupation circa 8000 to
8	needed influx of tax revenue. However, if	8	7000 BC." The insistence of Northern Pass on
10	"What is Past is Prologue", every town forced	10	the aboveground option for 69 percent of the
11	to host this project will receive their	11	route is not a "forward New Hampshire plan".
12	annual tax abatement filing and be tied up in	12	It is a willful disregard of the history of
13	litigation for years offsetting any perceived	13	New Hampshire and a willful rejection of the
14	benefit.	14	voice of the people of New Hampshire.
15	Fact: In 1987, the Town of	15	Fact: New Hampton is a
16	New Hampton created and adopted the	16	gateway community for the Lakes Region and
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- 22 1990, the Pemigewasset qualified for
- 23 designation as a "Wild and Scenic River" in24 1993. A designation the voters of New
- 23 occupied with wooden pole structures,24 typically 55 feet in height. Northern Pass

Hampton. Currently, the right-of-way is

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1	proposes to frame that vista with three steel	1	borne in its entirety by the applicant.
2	lattice towers approximately 100 feet tall.	2	Thank you very much, your
3	At mile marker 71, where the line again	3	Honor.
4	crosses the highway, Northern Pass proposes	4	THE MODERATOR: Thank you.
5	to replace the existing 55-foot wooden pole	5	We're going to just switch, while there's a
6	structures with a series of steel monopoles	6	lull in the action, while we switch court
7	up to 115 feet in height, collocated with	7	reporters. The Chair of the Board of
8	three steel lattice structures each in excess	8	Selectmen kind of wore Steve out.
9	of 100 feet tall, the tallest measuring 125	9	[Court reporter switchover.]
10	feet.	10	THE MODERATOR: Mr. Draper gave
11	Visitors traveling west to	11	up his speaking spot.
12	Newfound Lake on Route 104 will be exposed to	12	Bob Joseph. Do you need that
13	a similar treatment of the existing	13	brought down?
14	right-of-way as it crosses both the highway	14	MR. JOSEPH: I think that
15	and the Pemigewasset River into New Hampton,	15	worked. Can you hear?
16	with 120-foot monopoles replacing the	16	THE MODERATOR: Yes, sir.
17	existing wooden structures and steel lattice	17	MR. JOSEPH: I don't think I'll
18	towers of 100 and 125 feet on either side of	18	be going over, but just in case, because of my
19	the Pemigewasset River. The	19	ears, and I like to make sure everything is
20	industrialization of the rural character of	20	understood. Okay.
21	our town and state is again a willful	21	Name is Bob Joseph. I'm from
22	dismissal of the voice of the people of New	22	New Hampton. The views here are my own,
23	Hampton and the State of New Hampshire.	23	coming from my research, wherein the
24	Fact: Northern Pass	24	electrical grid for too long has been abusive
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1	Transmission, LLC, does not answer to the	1	to the citizens, using our land their
2	people of New Hampshire. It answers to the	2	land, with no financial rewards. They also
3	stakeholders of the project and to the	3	have the highest rates in the country and
4	shareholders of the parent companies.	4	muscling in to degrade the properties where
5	Voluntarily, it will seek to do the absolute	5	the power lines lie. Your power line uses
6	minimum to mitigate the impacts and costs of	6	over an acre of my land rent-free. Many
7	the project, while maximizing its earnings.	7	states' power companies reimburse landowners
8	If the Northern Pass Transmission line is to	8	for the use of their properties and offer
9	be located within New Hampshire, then it is	9	much lower rates. We should be reimbursed
10	incumbent upon us as custodians of our	10	for this land usage like any other business
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11 communities and of the state to impose upon

- 12 you, Northern Pass, the measures which will
- bring about the maximum protections of our
- 14 environment and economies, while securing for
- our communities the best possible outcomes injobs and tax revenues.
- **17** Therefore, Alternative 4a,
- which calls for the burial of thetransmission line in its entirety, while
- being disadvantageous to the applicant,
- results in the maximum benefit to the
- 22 affected communities and is consistent with
- the position taken by the Town of New Hampton
- that any inconvenience or financial impact be
- Pennsylvania --THE MODERATOR: Mr. Joseph, the only thing, when you move away like this--

I moved from Pennsylvania to

New Hampshire to enjoy its beauty, not to

look at power lines and windmills, just like

desecrate the beauty of our lands, impacting

negatively on our livelihood and the tourist

trade. They also impact negatively on our

An electric company in

many residents and tourists like to see.

Power lines and windmills obstruct and

or corporation.

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1	MR. JOSEPH: Oh, okay.	1	buried.
2	THE MODERATOR: You have to	2	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Sir
3	stay in front of the microphone. A little	3	MR. JOSEPH: I'm just about
4	closer, even, if you could.	4	done.
5	MR. JOSEPH: An electric	5	THE MODERATOR: Okay.
6	company in Pennsylvania settled a lawsuit that	6	MR. JOSEPH: All of us are part
7	offered that its overhead lines caused cancer.	7	of this thing called life. Working together,
8	We do not need the Northern,	8	all of us, and the Northern Pass people, we
9	Pass, even though there wasn't a	9	could all make New Hampshire a better place to
10	[inaudible] demonstration here. Eminent	10	live again. Thank you.
11	domain does not and should not apply to	11	THE MODERATOR: Thank you.
12	privately owned properties. You're a	12	Gretchen Draper.
13	profit-making company that serves the owners	13	MS. DRAPER: Well, my name is
14	and the stockholders, and not us. There is	14	Gretchen Draper. I'm also from New Hampton.
15	no benefit to the citizens of this state. We	15	You're going to hear a lot from New Hampton
16	have determined that you need to comply with	16	tonight, I guess.
17	our wishes. Compromise, while an ugly word,	17	I live along that same stretch
18	if the lines are buried in their entirety	18	of the Pemigewasset River that is very
19	while in this state, maybe some of us could	19	important to tourism, to our wildlife, to our
20	better respect your efforts. Scenery in New	20	way of life in this small town. And tonight,
21	Hampshire is what makes and defines this	21	in looking at some of the material and the
22	state. The financial costs pale in	22	displays in the other room, I found that I'm
23	comparison to following the will and need of	23	going to be looking at a 95-foot steel tower
24	the people. Burying the line will also	24	right out my front window. So, beyond
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1	improve your relation with our people,	1	everything else about Northern Pass, I have
2	providing excellent public relations. This	2	sort of a personal vendetta here personal
3	would indicate your willingness to listen	3	investment. But actually, I'm more
4	give me a minute listen and pay attention	4	concerned. I have sort of a bottom line that
5	to our needs. It's highly imperative that	5	really concerns me, and this is because of
6	the entire Northern Pass line be buried the	6	Northeast Utilities and Eversource and the
7	entire state and to be made along the	7	way these companies have brought together all
8	interstate highways, preferably in the median	8	the smaller franchises in New England, and
9	areas where it would be less expensive to	9	now we're facing Eversource, which is the
10	bury those lines. All electrical lines	10	largest utility company in our area. It is
11	should be buried, not just the Northern Pass.	11	also for profit. It's a private company.
12	The costly need to defoliate the land under	12	And that puts it in a very different light
13	existing lines is reduced and will enhance	13	for me. Right now in our entire country
14	our property values as well. It's a win-win	14	we're talking about big corporations and how
15	situation that benefits all of us.	15	they work with regulatory organizations, how
16	And lastly, the people of the	16	they put their money in political realms
17	Northern New Hampshire have spoken. They	17	where we don't get to see even who they
18	have said, "No. No Northern Pass." It's	18	donate to. So I'm going to need a great deal
19	obvious you have not been really listening to	19	of reassurance and transparency from
20	us. It's up to the citizens of the state to	20	Eversource if I'm ever going to support this
21	determine what is best for us, not you or any	21	project, which I doubt, actually.

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- other corporate entity. New Hampshire's 22 23 beauty can once again be restored and be
- maintained that way if these lines are 24
- And I want to borrow one of 22 23 Neil Irvine's sayings about the "lipstick on
- a pig." Well, that's what we've seen 24

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1	tonight. That's what we've heard tonight,	1	Blake Hill Road. And personally I am
2	that the lipstick's on the pig, but it's	2	affected, and our household is affected
3	still a pig. And if Eversource is the	3	because we will look across the Pemigewasset
4	largest for-profit utility in New England,	4	Valley into the town of Hill, where in our
5	then you can afford to bury the entire line.	5	view sight will be up to 10 towers in the
6	Thank you.	6	valley that we look into.
7	THE MODERATOR: Philip Preston,	7	I have a number of brief
8	Eli Gray. I think that says Felgate, Rod,	8	comments. It's been mentioned before that it
9	M.D. Dr. Felgate.	9	appears that the Project has heard some
10	Philip Preston, you want to	10	has listened to some objectives, but has not
11	come on up to the mic? Barbara Lucas.	11	heard those of us in the middle of the state.
12	You're going to have to pull	12	And I wonder why you proposed to bury lines
13	the mic up, sir.	13	in the north, but not take into account view
14	MR. PRESTON: My name is Phil	14	impacts in the middle. You mentioned that
15	Preston. I'm a landowner on Winona Road. I'm	15	it's a balance. But it seems to me that it's
16	also a selectmen in the town of Ashland.	16	a teeter-totter, where one side is up and one
17	Before you come agents of	17	side is down.
18	Northern Pass, full of promises and lots of	18	My second comment is I'd like
19	hot gas. They bought plenty of land at a	19	to know by a show of hands here how many
20	high price in places we think are still very	20	people want the lines buried or not built at
21	nice. We in New Hampshire do not need to	21	all.
22	choose. Instead of towers, we'd rather have	22	[Audience interruption.]
23	moose. Costs of burial they claim are too	23	I wonder whether it would be
24	high, but they'll leave us with land that few	24	possible to record that.
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4	THE MODERATOR: Thank you.	4	Sam no Martha Chandler, Sam Conkling and
5	Dr. Felgate.	5	Dawn Scribner, Scott Powell, Garret anyway,
6	DR. FELGATE: Your Honor, my	6	you know who I mean.
7	name is Rodney Felgate. I am a physician in	7	Go ahead. Go ahead, Ms.
8	northern New Hampshire.	8	Lucas.
9	THE MODERATOR: Sir, would you	9	MS. LUCAS: My name is Barbara
10	spell your last name.	10	Lucas. I'm a Bridgewater resident, but I'm
11	DR. FELGATE: F-E-L-G-A-T-E.	11	also the town administrator in the town of New
12	THE MODERATOR: Thank you.	12	Hampton.
13	DR. FELGATE: I'm a physician.	13	THE MODERATOR: Okay. And
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14	40 years now. I own property in the towns of	14 15	MS. LUCAS: C-A-S. My husband
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16	North Woodstock in Grafton County. I practice	16	and I are Bridgewater residents, as I said,
17	in Lincoln in Grafton County, and I also own	17	and I have family with property in Lancaster,
18	property in the town of New Hampton in Belknap	18	Stark and Bristol. And we would unequivocably support the Project under Alternative 3 or 4A,
19	County.	19	
20	I'm a Northern Pass opponent,	20	burying the lines in the entire route. We live on the river. We
21	but a guarded opponent. I would like to be	21	
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6	Opposition to the Project was	6	not just hear, but listen to and react to, in
7	almost instant. For too long, Northeast	7	a positive way, our story, because I think
8	Utilities, Public Service of New Hampshire,	8	it's our story that matters the most, not
9	Eversource has spent multi-millions on land	9	your stakeholders. They're going to make
10	purchases up north for rights-of-way which	10	their money somehow. Maybe they'll invest in
11	they now cannot really utilize on huge	11	some other company. I don't know or really
12	publicity and lobbying campaigns, and now on	12	care. But I do care about New Hampshire. I
13	contributions to appease various	13	care about our way our life. I care about
14	organizations or agencies, all of which	14	all the people who have to make a living
15	indicate at least at some point Northeast	15	here. Your temporary jobs but your
16	Utilities had the money or the extra billion	16	permanent scar will be a story if that
17	to bury.	17	happens that we would have to live with, my
18	Now you propose partial	18	kids have to live with, their kids. And I
19	burial, a third or so, in the north. A step	19	don't see how you people can continue. You
20	in the right perhaps, but further indication	20	say you're listening. But you're still
21	that burial is possible, which seems to	21	telling us this stuff. We said "No." The
22	separate New Hampshire in two. Do you really	22	people of New Hampton have said "No." The
23	mean that New Hampshire south of point X is	23	people of Ashland, up and down, down to
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2	Please respect that. Thank you.	2	residents.
3	MS. SCRIBNER: Hi, my name's	3	You know, I would ask all the
4	Dawn Scribner. I'm here on behalf of my	4	people that have a say in this matter, the
5	family who	5	evaluation committee, our elected officials,
6	THE MODERATOR: Ma'am, would	6	people of Eversource and Northern Pass, to
7	you spell your last name.	7	take the long-term view of the Project. I
8	MS. SCRIBNER: S-C-R-I-B-N-E-R.	8	oppose it in its current state. I would be a
9	I am here on behalf of my	9	supporter of it if it were buried in its
10	family that owns a piece of property in	10	entirety. Once those towers are put up, they
11	Clarksville, New Hampshire. Back in 1987, my	11	will be here for decades, and they won't be
12	parents bought 25 acres to retire on at the	12	coming down. It's a decision we can't
13	top of a hill on Route 145 which, by the	13	reverse. I think about some of the other
14	way, Route 145 is a scenic byway in	14	projects that have been done in this country,
15	Clarksville, New Hampshire. The view is	15	protecting some of our most beautiful sites,
16	absolutely breathtaking. They can see into	16	from the White Mountains out to Yosemite and
17	Vermont and Canada. Well, retirement has	17	Yellowstone National Park, and think of
18	come for them, and they have been very	18	future generations that will be looking back
19	outspoken about this project, as have I. The	19	on this project and the fact that the views
20	Project as proposed will impact their	20	that we have, the sights that we have, the
21	magnificent view extensively. By the way,	21	country that we're so proud of, will lose
22	several people each year stop at the top of	22	another one of our beautiful vistas if this
23	their driveway to take pictures. The view	23	project is built. So, again, I ask you to
24	will be ruined by these ugly towers. In	24	take a long-term view. Think about future
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2	relationship where the power producers would	2	spreading fear in the real estate market,
3	not go along with you. Only 10 percent of	3	because without you reducing the values of
4	the Project is contracted at the moment and	4	land, I would not have been able to purchase
5	guaranteed to New Hampshire. The remaining	5	land on 132 in New Hampton. Regardless of
6	90 percent is open, and I would presume	6	Northern Pass coming through, I have a desire
7	negotiable on the free market for what you're	7	to live in New Hampton because I have family
8	going to get on a return on that. And that	8	that lives there, and I find it a really a
9	could be shared back to the power producer.	9	place I find I'm really happy.
10	You may be locked in at 8 percent or whatever	10	I'd like to thank, you know,
11	it is, but I think there's some room for you	11	Eversource and Northern Pass and Hydro-Quebec
12	to go back and to negotiate with your power	12	for really helping make my decision that I am
13	producer and to the people who will be	13	going to build off the grid. I do not need
14	selling your product into the market, and	14	your power. New Hampshire doesn't need your
15	come up with a way to finance that extra	15	power. If the cost effect of the investment
16	billion dollars. You mentioned that there	16	of burying the whole project is too
17	was \$80 million per year that you were going	17	expensive people in Massachusetts and
18	to be saving or that the regional market	18	southern New England need that power. Why
19	would save because of this project going in.	19	don't they build a power station? Is that
20	So, just on a nominal basis, you pay that	20	more feasible than burying the whole project?
21	billion dollars back in only 12 years on a	21	We don't need your power. Please send it
22	40-year-long project, which is, you know, a	22	back to Canada. Thank you.
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3	travel south. I look at Ashland and	3	eight pages. Be careful. Bob Tuveson from
4	Bridgewater; you cross over the river two	4	Holderness, New Hampshire. Tuveson,
5	times. I can envision the towers involved	5	T-U-V-E-S-O-N.
6	with that. You abut the river two times in	6	Last night in Whitefield, a
7	the course. Bristol, New Hampton, you cross	7	question was asked whether Northern Pass as a
8	over once. New Hampton and Hill, you cross	8	reliability project needed to keep the lights
9	over the river one time, towers and overhead	9	on. No, it's not needed to keep the lights
10	cable, and you abut the river one time.	10	on, Mr. Quinlan admitted. But by the time he
11	Franklin, towers and overhead cable cross	11	was done answering the question, he had said
12	over the river one time, and two times you	12	there were a number of days two winters ago
13	abut the river.	13	when the lights almost went out because we
14	So, water quality and quantity, visual	14	didn't have Northern Pass. I remembered an
15	aesthetics are tied to the economic future of	15	article about this and want to share parts of
16	our towns, businesses and tourism. This is a	16	it with you. This article was November 5th,
17	tourist area. We have active paddlers from	17	2014.
18	the top to the bottom of the Pemi River.	18	Last January, a very cold
19	Visitors and locals do not want to be looking	19	month, Hydro-Quebec chose to curtail its
20	up at towers and cable on their various	20	exports to New England 24 times. Often
21	adventures. The damage you inflict on this	21	during times of the day when power needs
22	region is permanent. What's proposed does	22	spiking on both sides of the border, the New
23	not meet the criteria "do no harm." Our	23	England natural gas plants had difficulty
24	community, like most in this region, is tired	24	running at full capacity. But on these 24
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1	demands in Quebec means that new imports from	1	overhead lines, but also on the fact that
2	Hydro-Quebec through the Northern Pass	2	today's HVDC cable technologies make
3	Transmission Project or otherwise aren't	3	100-percent burial a viable and economically
4	necessarily a cure for winter peak challenges	4	realistic option. While we're encouraged
5	that can affect the reliability of New	5	that Northern Pass has recently proposed
6	England's electric system. But you don't	6	burying an additional 52 miles of line in the
7	need to take the author's word for it. Grid	7	vicinity of the White Mountains, much more
8	operator, ISO-New England, has said much the	8	remains to be done. Two thirds of the
9	same thing.	9	Northern Pass Project remains above ground,
10	THE MODERATOR: You have 30	10	and tens of thousands of New Hampshire
11	seconds left.	11	residents and visitors will continue to be
12	MR. TUVESON: Managing the	12	impacted by the proposed above-ground route.
13	reliability of the grid while the power	13	The preponderance of evidence shows that full
14	industry undergoes rapid this is a	14	burial is doable.
15	PowerPoint presentation by ISO, Lessons and	15	For years, the Company has
16	Observations from Winter Operations. Imported	16	claimed that burial of the line was
17	Canadian hydropower is limited during very	17	technically impossible and prohibitively
18	cold weather because Quebec is a	18	costly. But other projects in New England
19	winter-peaking system.	19	and New York have determined that full burial
20	So we have reasons to	20	is both practical and economically feasible,
21	scrutinize this. And I'm running short. But	21	including for lengths of over 150 miles along
22	we also have to take a look and I'll just	22	terrestrial rights-of-way. Other
23	read you the last sentence. Like shifts in	23	northeastern states have demanded full burial
24	Hydro-Quebec's strategy and capabilities or	24	and got it. New Hampshire deserves the same.
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2	Hampshire citizens. Our state deserves	2	should not be forced upon the property owners	
3	better. If this project is to go forward,	3	and businesses throughout New Hampshire.	
4	every mile of it must be buried. Thank you.	4	Thank you again for the opportunity to	
5	THE MODERATOR: Victor DiMetro,	5	comment.	
6	Lori Lerner, Kerrin Rounds, Christiane Green.	6	THE MODERATOR: Thank you.	
7	Mr. DiMetro still here?	7	MS. ROUNDS: Kerrin Rounds.	
8	(No response)	8	First name, K-E-R-R-I-N. Last name,	
9	THE MODERATOR: All right.	9	R-O-U-N-D-S. I am a property owner in Bristol	
10	Lori Lerner.	10	and Stark, with family that owns property also	
11	MS. LERNER: Thank you, Your	11	in Bridgewater and Lancaster.	
12	Honor. My name is Lori Lerner. I'm the	12	I wanted to further Neil	
13	President of NHWindWatch, and I live in	13	Irvine's point about property tax abatements.	
14	Bridgewater, New Hampshire.	14	I live in Bristol. That's also a town where	
15	Has anyone heard the phrase,	15	we have seen abatements be filed from utility	
16	"beggar thy neighbor"? According to	16	companies. And I am concerned that the	
17	Wikipedia, "beggar they neighbor" is an	17	revenue estimates in the presentations won't	
18	economic policy through which one country	18	be met. And coming from a background,	
19	attempts to remedy its economic problems by	19	knowing a little bit of how arguments are	
20	means that tend to worsen the economic	20	made, that presentation certainly is not	
21	problems of other countries. What we have	21	binding. So I would question why the Company	
22	going on here is "beggar thy neighbor"	22	wouldn't come forward with reasonable PILOT	
23	contracts, whereby the southern New England	23	agreements to each of the towns to guarantee	
24	states are looking to achieve their renewable	24	those revenues.	
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6 you spell your first name. 6 nowhere. We'll lose this battle every single	;
7 MS. GREEN: It's spelled 7 time unless we get together on this.	
8 Christian, coincidentally, with an E on the 8 So, the decreased property	
9 end. 9 value that you said was a net, basically you	
10THE MODERATOR: Okay. Why10know, that's a non-issue. I know when I've	
11don't you just spell it. It'll be easier.11looked for houses, when I see they're close	
12MS. GREEN: Okay. Christian12to a huge property I mean a huge power	
13with an E on the end. Okay.13line, that isn't a selling point. That would	
14C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N-E.14be a deal breaker. So I guess I'm not sure,	
15THE MODERATOR: Great. Green.15you know, where those numbers came from	
16MS. GREEN: Yes.16what expert did that, you know, evaluation	
17So I'm a resident of New17But it makes me skeptical.	
18 Hampton. My parents are also there. They're 18 So I'm here not because I'm	
19 going to be in closer proximity to the line 19 saying anything new this evening. But in t	ne
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1	would say the same thing. My son would be	1	my district that are still impacted by the
2	here, but he's across the street watching the	2	overhead lines. And I've left the Bristol
3	Patriots game. He's a millennium, and that's,	3	Town Select Board meeting to get here
4	you know he's 25, and that's where he is	4	tonight. And you heard from Ashland. You
5	tonight.	5	heard from New Hampton, Bristol, Bridgewater
6	THE MODERATOR: Well, that's	6	and Hill. They're all still being impacted.
7	where I'm going to be soon.	7	And what you've said to them is they're not
8	MS. OHANIAN: My suggestion, if	8	worth burial. And I have a problem with
9	anyone needs a suggestion, is, you know, take	9	that. I don't believe that they should have
10	the CEO and lay him off for six months, and	10	to bear the burden of this. I think you can
11	take his salary and use that to bury the	11	bury the lines. I think if you can bury 52
12	lines. Thank you.	12	more miles at the same project cost, let's go
13	[Audience interruption/applause]	13	all the way. Wouldn't you say? Wouldn't you
14	THE MODERATOR: Senator Jeanie	14	say?
15	Forrester.	15	AUDIENCE: Yes.
16	SEN. FORRESTER: Good evening.	16	SEN. FORRESTER: Thank you.
17	Do you need me to spell my name?	17	There's not a lot more I can
18	THE MODERATOR: Yes.	18	add, because as you probably have gathered,
19	SEN. FORRESTER: It's	19	my constituents, and those who are not my
20	F-O-R-R-E-S-T-E-R.	20	constituents, are very well educated on this
21	THE MODERATOR: And actually,	21	issue. They're very passionate on this
22	your first name, too.	22	issue. There has never been an issue that I
23	SEN. FORRESTER: Jeanie,	23	can recall that has so galvanized and
24	J-E-A-N-I-E.	24	unified, as the speaker okay, thank you
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1	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Thank	1	before me said, democrats, republicans,
2	2 you.	2	independents, on an issue. They stand
3	3 SEN. FORRESTER: I am a	3	together. They continue to stand together.
4	4 resident of Belknap County. I live in	4	And I would just end by saying
5	5 Meredith, but I'm here tonight to represent my	5	this started five years ago, and the first
e	5 constituents. And I have to say, I've been	6	elected official who came out and stood
7	standing in the back listening. I don't think	7	against this was Ray Burton. And he said,
8	³ I've heard anyone come up in support of this	8	"No way." And I would also like to say that
9	F J	9	Senator Ayotte has said, "Bury the line. New
10	o of my constituents. This has been a project	10	Hampshire's worth it." And I would agree.
11	in the making for five years, and some of the	11	So, please, bury the line. Thank you.
12	2 people in this room a lot of the people in	12	[Audience interruption/applause]
13	this room have fought this battle for five	13	THE MODERATOR: So that was our
14	4 years. And I feel bad for them because they	14	last commentator. So we're going to close the
15	1 8 8	15	session. And go Pats. Thank you all for
16	,	16	coming.
17	,,	17	(Whereupon the Public Comment Session
18	52 more miles of line. I'm sad that it took	18	concluded at 8:49 p.m.)
19	five years to get there. And unfortunately,	19	
20	what you've done is pick winners and losers.	20	
21	I Wasn't able to make most	21	
22	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	22	
23	8,	23	
24	4 with my towns. Now, there are five towns in	24	
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1	Maybe we'll wait a couple a few
2	seconds here, while more people get their seats.
3	Okay. Tonight's public information
4	session is the first step in a state administrative
5	process required by statute if you could try not to
6	speak among yourselves, because we're trying to get a
7	record. Okay?
8	This is the first step in a state
9	administrative process required by statute, RSA Chapter
10	162-H. Before new energy facilities of a certain size can
11	be built, the Company proposing the project must receive a
12	certificate of site and facility from the New Hampshire
13	Site Evaluation Committee, the SEC, an entity formed by
14	the Legislature for the purpose of reviewing proposed
15	energy facilities. RSA Chapter 162-H was recently
16	amended, to require that at least 30 days before
17	submitting an application to the SEC, the Company, here
18	Northern Pass, must hold a public information session in
19	each county in which the project is to be built. The
20	Northern Pass Project is proposed to pass through five
21	counties: Coos, Grafton, Belknap, Merrimack, and
22	Rockingham. This meeting is the fifth of the five
23	pre-application information sessions.
24	The statute further requires that the
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1	for you to write your questions on. Because you may want
2	to ask questions on different topics, I ask that you use
3	one index card for each question or each topic. This will
4	help us group the questions by category. I then may
5	consolidate some questions or summarize some questions
6	within a category to cover as much ground as possible.
7	For example, in the previous four
8	sessions, many people asked the question "why doesn't
9	Northern Pass bury the entire line?" You'll be happy to
10	know I'm not going to ask that question 15 or 20 times,
11	but I will ask questions related to that, that are
12	different and need a more specific answer. Like, "why
13	isn't it buried in a particular location?", or "how much
14	does it cost to bury a line?", something like that. I
15	hope, that by minimizing repetition in this way, we can
16	make the most productive use of how of your questions.
17	Sometimes people ask multiple questions,
18	so they might have five, six, seven cards. I'm going to
19	ask the first question in that set, or the second and
20	third, depending if the first and second have already been
21	asked and answered, so that we get try to get to
22	everybody's at least one question from everybody. And,
23	then, time permitting, we'll cycle through the questions
24	again.
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1	public information session be recorded, which is why we	1	During the third portion of the program,
2	have two court reporters, Steve Patnaude and Susan	2	you'll have the opportunity to comment on the project. To
3	Robidas, taking down everything that is said tonight.	3	do so, you will need to right your names and addresses
4	They will then prepare a transcript from that record,	4	your name and address on a form, also available there in
5	which will be made part of the application to the SEC.	5	the back of the room. In receiving your comments,
6	The purpose of these sessions is for	6	preference will be given to residents and property owners
7	Northern Pass to present information to the public, and to	7	and business owners of Belknap County. Non-county
8	provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions	8	residents will follow. I will call your name in the order
9	and to make comments about the proposed project. As part	9	that you signed up to comment. The times have been
10	of the effort to provide information, an open house began	10	written on them, and that's how I get them.
11	in the adjoining room at 5:00 and will continue throughout	11	You may also comment in writing about
12	the rest of the evening.	12	the project any time throughout the evening, again, at the
13	Tonight's meeting has three parts.	13	back of the room. Your written comments will also be made
14	First, after I complete my introduction, Bill Quinlan,	14	part of the application that's submitted to the SEC.
15	President of Eversource New Hampshire, will make opening	15	These public information sessions are
16	remarks on behalf of Northern Pass, and present a short	16	the first step in a lengthy administrative process. The
17	video that gives an overview of the project. After that,	17	next step will be for Northern Pass to file its
18	he will make a brief presentation specific to Belknap	18	application with the SEC. Pursuant to RSA Chapter 162-H,
19	County.	19	this may occur no sooner than 30 days after completing the
20	Second, Mr. Quinlan, aided by some of	20	five public information sessions. The application,
21	the Project Team, will address questions for about an	21	including all public comments, will be available online at
22	hour. To make the most efficient use of the limited time	22	the SEC website, and hard copies will be delivered to each
23	available, questions will be taken in written form. Index	23	town affected by the project.
24	cards are available at the table at the back of the room	24	Once the application is filed, the SEC
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1	has 60 days to determine whether to accept the project.	1	the last year or so was rea
2	Within 45 days after acceptance, the SEC will conduct	2	down to two issues. The f
3	another set of public information sessions in each county.	3	the view or scenic impacts
4	Additionally, within 90 days after the application is	4	transmission line. Now, ye
5	accepted, the SEC and other state agencies are required to	5	England have many overhe
6	hold joint public hearings. In the past, those hearings	6	today. But, you know, ass
7	involved, like tonight's session, the applicant presenting	7	particular, we've heard pre
8	information about the proposed project, the public making	8	needed to take seriously N
9	comments, and the SEC moderating a written public	9	view impacts and do what
10	question-and-answer session. Additionally, at those	10	That's one of the topics I'll
11	sessions, the SEC and the state agencies ask the	11	And, the
12	applicants questions.	12	heard pretty consistently a
13	The last part of the state	13	"this project has to deliver
14	administrative process occurs when the SEC holds public	14	You know, and you need to
15	adjudicative hearings, at which it will consider evidence	15	to move forward with this
16	from Northern Pass and other parties, and decide whether	16	significant and direct bene
17	or not to issue a certificate authorizing Northern Pass to	17	going to host this project.
18	proceed with the proposed project. These hearings	18	So, tho
19	typically occur eight months or more after an application	19	questions that came out of
20	is accepted.	20	done over the last year or
21	Again, thank you all very much for	21	about the changes we've n
22	coming tonight and participating in this initial step in	22	those issues. And, then, w
23	the SEC siting process. I now want to introduce Bill	23	around Belknap County, a
24	Quinlan Bresident of Eversource New Hampshire	24	50.00t

24 Quinlan, President of Eversource New Hampshire. {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

ally two issues, you boil it all first of which is associated with ts associated with an overhead you know, New Hampshire and New head transmission lines that exist sociated with this project, in retty clearly that the Company New Hampshire's concern about at it could to address those. 'll cover today. hen, the second issue that we across the state is, you know, er benefits to New Hampshire. to prove to us, before we allow you project, that there are efits to New Hampshire, if we're ." ose are the two fundamental of a lot of the listening we've so. I'm going to talk to you made to the project to address we'll drill down in more detail and New Hampton, in particular. 24 So, as to those two fundamental issues, {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

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1	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. Thank you, Judge	1	γοι
2	McGuire. And, I do want to thank you all for being here	2	l th
3	this evening and taking time out of your busy schedule to	3	fro
4	listen to our presentation, give us an opportunity to get	4	to a
5	feedback from you, and answer questions you might have	5	
6	about the project. So, I do want to thank you at the	6	rou
7	outset.	7	me
8	As Judge McGuire indicated, this is the	8	The
9	next step in a fairly lengthy process that we've been	9	pro
10	going through around this project over the last year so,	10	it w
11	in trying to listen to New Hampshire, understand the	11	the
12	concerns associated with the project, and, to the extent	12	
13	we can, address those concerns in a balanced way. And,	13	vie
14	you know, this is a part of a process. We're going to	14	Hai
15	continue to value the input that we receive in sessions	15	wh
16	just like this and right through the siting process, and	16	cle
17	continue to have an open mind about the project.	17	wil
18	Now, I will say, for the last year or	18	vie
19	so, we've been getting input from stakeholders across the	19	ado
20	State of New Hampshire, in an effort to understand where	20	we
21	are the real issues associated with what was previously	21	
22	proposed, and to factor that into any changes that we	22	siz
23	could make to address those concerns.	23	line
24	And, what we heard loud and clear for	24	red
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	you know, the first is the view impact, and that's the one
2	I think you hear the most consistently across this state
3	from various stakeholders, which is, you know, "you need
Ļ	to address what you can around the route."
5	So, this is the overall Northern Pass
5	route. You know, the prior proposal was for a 1,200
7	megawatt line, with 8 miles of underground construction.
3	The underground construction was limited, in the prior
)	proposal, to that 8 miles in the far North Country. And,
0	it was a 1,200 megawatt line. That's the amount of energy
1	the project would carry into New Hampshire.
2	So, the question is, how do you address
3	view impacts, the ones that you hear about the most in New
4	Hampshire, and still have a project that essentially does
5	what it needs to do, which is to bring a large quantity of
6	clean energy, affordable energy into New Hampshire, it
7	will work technically, and it will protect the important
8	views of the state? And, that's what we attempted to
9	address through the changes that we announced a couple of
0	weeks ago.
1	So, one big change is we've reduced the
2	size of this project. So, it's no longer a 1,200 megawatt
3	line, it's now a 1,000 megawatt line. So, it's been
4	reduced by 200 megawatts in size, which means, you know,
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1	there is 200 megawatts less of energy flowing into New	1	done in that regard. You know, we are now at the point
2	England, at a time where we really could use new sources	2	where we're looking at this route, in the overhead areas,
3	of electricity to keep rates low, particularly clean	3	on a structure-by-structure, town-by-town basis, to take
4	energy. So, that's one of the steps we've taken really to	4	other steps to address view impacts. And, we're really
5	address concerns we've heard across New Hampshire, reduce	5	working locally to get input on that, and to design and
6	the size of the project.	6	engineer the overhead portion of the line in a way that
7	What does that allow us to do? It	7	reduces the view or scenic impact in other important areas
8	basically allows us to increase the amount of underground	8	of the state. Okay?
9	construction. So, whereas previously we were planning	9	So, that's where we are on a project
10	8 miles of underground construction, we're now planning	10	design and engineering perspective. The second big issue,
11	for 60 miles of underground construction. So, 52 miles of	11	as I said, was "what are the benefits in this to New
12	new construction that's underground. We had to reduce the	12	Hampshire?" "If this project is going to be allowed to
13	size of the project to do that in a way that the project	13	proceed, what's in it for New Hampshire?" You know, "Is
14	still made sense economically and technically. So, that's	14	New Hampshire going to receive any economic benefits?"
15	why we scaled down the project, which was to allow us to	15	And, "What are the environmental benefits from hosting a
16	underground this 52 miles in and around the White Mountain	16	project like this?"
17	National Forest.	17	This is a high-level summary. You know,
18	Now, I've heard, since our announcement,	18	there are materials available, I know, in the open house
19	you know, "How did you select the White Mountain National	19	that provide a lot more detail around this. But it's the
20	Forest area? You know, there are important views across	20	top line around the benefits to New Hampshire for hosting
21	the State of New Hampshire." And, I agree with that.	21	the project.
22	There are certainly important views that need to be	22	One of the other issues you hear, when
23	addressed up and down this route. The reason we selected	23	you listen to many across the state, whether it's a
24	and landed on that 52 miles is really based upon what	24	business owner or a residential customer, is that "energy
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1	we've heard consistently across New Hampshire,	1
2	irrespective of who you're talking to and from which part	2
3	of New Hampshire they're coming from. And,	3
4	consistently or, I consistently heard, you know, "the	4
5	White Mountain National Forest, Franconia Notch,	5
6	Appalachian Trail, you know, you need to make that a very	6
7	high priority." So, that input is what led to that	7
8	decision. It wasn't an area that the company selected in	8
9	isolation. It was really driven by what we've heard	9
10	across New Hampshire, and also happened to be something	10
11	that, when the Department of Energy studied this route and	11
12	looked at the environmental impact of it, they highlighted	12
13	this area in particular. And, really, that kind of	13
14	confirmed what we had been hearing across New Hampshire.	14
15	But it was really driven by the voices of New Hampshire.	15
16	Okay?	16
17	So, those are significant project	17
18	changes. Obviously, you know, that is going to add costs	18
19	to the project. You know, underground construction is	19
20	significantly more expensive than overhead construction.	20
21	Project's been reduced in size. These are steps we've	21
22	taken associated with the project to make it a project	22
23	that's more acceptable to New Hampshire.	23
24	Now, I do realize that our work's not	24
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1	costs are too high and too volatile, and they're going in
2	the wrong direction." We now have among the highest rates
3	in the country, and they're on an upward trend. So,
4	unless and until we have new sources of energy into this
5	region, you know, we're going to become less and less
6	competitive, and the cost to residential customers is
7	going to continue to increase. We fundamentally are at a
8	point where that's not going to change until we bring new
9	low-cost energy supplies into the region.
10	The single best option for New England
11	and New Hampshire in this regard is importing more
12	hydroelectric power from Canada. You know, if you think
13	about the other opportunities, you know, a nuclear plant,
14	probably not going to happen, right? What are the other
15	baseload generation options? A gas plant, a coal plant,
16	an oil plant, you know, then you start having
17	environmental questions around them. So, what is a
18	baseload, meaning very reliable, 24/7 source of
19	electricity? It really reduces itself to hydroelectric.
20	And, it's a highly reliable source of
21	electricity. It's affordable. You know, when we look at
22	what does it do to energy rates just in New Hampshire?
23	It's about an \$80 million a year energy cost savings for
24	New Hampshire customers, both residential and business
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1	customers. So, that's part of the benefit package that
2	New Hampshire receives.
3	We also announced the establishment of a
4	ForwardNH Fund. These are funds that we intend to invest
5	locally in the communities that would be hosting the line,
6	particularly the overhead portions of the line. And, we
7	recognize there's a trade-off taking place. You know,
8	that, when you build infrastructure, there is going to be
9	a local impact. You know, it's inevitable with a project
10	of this size. You know, this fund is an effort to provide
11	direct benefits to those local communities. It's a
12	\$200 million fund. And, you know, we've already heard a
13	lot about initiatives at a community and a local level
14	that can really be game-changers in towns up and down the
15	route.
16	Beyond that, what else is in it for New
17	Hampshire? You know, we look at the property tax impacts.
18	You know, it's a \$1.4 or \$1.5 billion project; obviously,
19	that's taxed. Our estimate of "what does that generate in
20	annual tax revenues to states, municipalities, counties
21	here in New Hampshire? It's about \$30 million a year.
22	So, a sizable increase in tax revenue across the state.
23	You know, obviously, a project of this
24	size, there's a heavy need for labor and other associated
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program. But, when they complete that program, they're going to have career opportunities, whether they're here in New Hampshire, elsewhere in New England, or across the U.S, they're in very, very high demand. So, that aspect of this project has gotten a lot of positive attention. And, it's just another benefit that we've added to make this positive for New Hampshire. When you total all that, the jobs and 10 the tax impact, it's over a \$2 billion economic stimulus 11 to New Hampshire. That's what our expert analysis shows. 12 It's based upon similar projects in other states, some of 13 which we've performed. So, it's well-grounded in 14 experience. These are not, you know, numbers that are 15 just estimates. They're actually well-founded. 16 I mentioned the environmental benefits 17 of this project. You know, it is hypothetical, it's 18 non-carbon-emitting, it doesn't rely on fossil fuels to 19 generate the electricity. It, in essence, will offset or 20 displace carbon-emitting generation, whether it's coal 21 power plants, oil plants, or natural gas. When you look 22 at "what is the effect of taking a thousand megawatts of 23 clean power and delivering it to New Hampshire?" It's 24 about 3 million tons a year in reduced carbon dioxide {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

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1 jobs to execute the project. You know, we are taking a 2 "New Hampshire first" approach to that, which means that, 3 where possible, all of this work is going to be done by 4 folks living here in the Granite State. Whether it's the 5 electrical workers who are actually installing the line, 6 whether it's the logging companies that are clearing a 7 right-of-way, whether it's a truck driver who's delivering 8 gravel, whether it's a restaurant or a hotel who's 9 supporting folks working on the project. And, our 10 intention and our commitment is to source that locally, 11 and only go outside the state where there are no 12 additional resources here in-state to satisfy that. 13 This is a big deal for many. You know, 14 when we talk to stakeholders across the state, they're 15 really excited about the prospects for working on this 16 project or supporting this project, because it's creating 17 great job opportunities. And, we've got a training 18 program that we've announced as part of this, which is 19 going to bring along the next class of utility workers. 20 We were refer to it as an "Apprentice Training Program". 21 But, in essence, we're going to use this as a training 22 ground to teach young New Hampshire residents a very 23 high-demand, valuable trade, which is that of an 24 electrical worker. It's a multiyear qualification {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

1 emissions. So, the environmental benefits associated with 2 this project are unparalleled. There's no other source of 3 electricity that's going to allow us to, in essence, 4 remove 600,000 cars from New Hampshire's roads. It's a 5 very significant benefit from this project, and it's not 6 in any of the financial numbers I'm showing you. It's 7 purely environmental benefits. 8 We also have announced the use of 9 acreage that we own up in the North Country. And, really, 10 the goal there is to put that land to use for important 11 community-level purposes. Whether it's a recreational 12 purpose, a economic development purpose, a natural 13 preservation purpose, or a mixed use. You know, a lot of 14 interest up in the North Country to put this land to work 15 for the benefit of the local community, and that's our 16 commitment there. 17 So, this is the top line of our answer 18 to the question of "what's in it for New Hampshire?" You 19 know, our view is these are very significant economic and 20 environmental benefits. They exist only if this project 21 moves forward here in the State of New Hampshire. 22 Now, we're going to show you a short 23 video that's going to illustrate this in a little more 24 detail, and then we'll drill down into Belknap County. {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

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1	Thank you.
2	(Whereupon a video presentation was
3	shown to the members of the public.)
4	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. So, we'll just
5	spend a minute on Belknap County, and then we'll be happy
6	to take on questions and answers. So, this is a
7	drill-down map into the Belknap County. As the video
8	indicated, really, the existing line and the new line, in
9	essence, run only through the Town of New Hampton. So,
10	it's about seven miles of construction. It's highlighted
11	here in the blue. In this part of the route, we're
12	basically in an existing right-of-way, meaning it's been
13	cleared and there's an existing transmission line. The
14	new line would run parallel to the existing line, okay?
15	Some statistics here, for the new line,
16	when you look at that portion of the route, the most
17	common structure height is about 80 feet. As a result of
18	our decision to reduce the size of the project from 1,200
19	to 1,000 megawatts, we've been able to engineer a
20	reduction in the height of the structures here, okay? So,
21	it's about a 7 6 feet, 6-foot, on average, reduction in
22	the structure height.
23	And, as I said earlier, we're going to
24	continue to work structure-by-structure, town-by-town, to
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1	about to enter the formal siting process here in New
2	Hampshire. Which means, once we've concluded these public
3	information sessions, we'll file our application with the
4	Site Evaluation Committee, and that will commence a
5	lengthy process here in New Hampshire to evaluate the
6	merits of that application, make adjustments, perhaps,
7	that the Site Evaluation Committee finds necessary or
8	appropriate. And, you know, those are plenty of
9	opportunities for additional public input. You know,
10	there's a whole nother series of public information
11	sessions that are required to be held, that we look
12	forward to, after we file that application. My point is,
13	we're going to continue to listen to New Hampshire as we
14	move forward through the siting process, and, hopefully,
15	ultimately, right through the construction phase.
16	So, with that, again, thank you for
17	being here tonight. Thank you for your time and
18	attention. And, I look forward to answering your
19	questions.
20	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you. Okay.
21	So, I'm going to begin reading questions. You ready,
22	Bill?
23	MR. QUINLAN: Sure.
24	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Has a study been
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1	do everything we can to continue to address view impacts.	1
2	Whether there are other things we could do to reduce a	2
3	structure height on a case-by-case basis, move a structure	3
4	location, so it's less visible, provide shielding, you	4
5	know, in some instances, you know, buffers that make the	5
6	line invisible, are possible. So, you know, these are	6
7	things that we're going to continue to do locally on a	7
8	case-by-case basis. So, view impacts are going to remain	8
9	a very priority for us as we move forward. Okay?	9
10	You know, as to the tax benefits, the	10
11	as I said earlier, and the video indicated, there's about	11
12	\$30 million a year in incremental tax benefits that we	12
13	estimate. Here, in New Hampton, the number is in the	13
14	range of \$300,000 to \$500,000 a year. That's based upon	14
15	our current expected range of the cost of the	15
16	infrastructure in this town. That's what leads to the	16
17	range, is we haven't defined with specificity, you know,	17
18	how much infrastructure is going in the town and how much	18
19	is it going to cost. Once we have that all firmed up,	19
20	we'll be able to narrow this range. But it's a sizable,	20
21	you know, increase in the local property tax revenue,	21
22	okay?	22
23	And, then, finally, as Judge McGuire	23
24	indicated, and as the video indicated, you know, we are	24
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done to consider just burying the whole line? Thereby, eliminating all the opposition, legal fees, manhours to attempting to convince people it is a good plan, all the lobbying studies, *etcetera*, and just start the project and begin making the profits you seek, as well as making the state's public content. MR. QUINLAN: So, as I indicated earlier, we have looked at a wide range of options for addressing the issues we've heard from New Hampshire. As I said at the outset, you know, view impacts are the top of mind, and very clearly, and we've heard that very directly. And, what we tried to do is strike a balance here. For a project that, you know, continues to do what it needs to, which is to deliver a large amount of

electricity into the region in a reliable way, addresses those view impacts, and is also affordable, it's an economic project, it makes economic sense.

option, you know, we really have a situation where the project becomes uneconomic. And, just I'll share with you what I mean by that. So, right now, our current project cost estimate is about \$1.5 billion. We're in the process

of firming up our reevaluation of that cost. We know we

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added costs by adding 52 miles of underground

When we look at an all-underground

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1	construction. So, let's assume it's 1.5 billion. To	1	Bear Rock Road, you see utility poles outside those areas
2	fully underground this project would add another	2	existing today. The plan is, actually, the burial will be
3	\$100 million worth of project costs. That's our current	3	in the roadway itself, not even outside on the edge of the
4	estimate as to that would do entail.	4	right-of-way. So, the plan is to stay within the existing
5	MR. MUNTZ: Bill.	5	right-of-way, publicly owned, as utilities have been doing
6	MR. QUINLAN: Did I say "a billion"?	6	and New Hampshire law has recognized as an appropriate use
7	What did I say?	7	for over 150 years in that area.
8	MR. MUNTZ: You said "100 million".	8	And, there's no intention to take
9	MR. QUINLAN: "100 million". A billion.	9	private property rights by eminent domain. In fact, the
10	I'm sorry, I misspoke. So, an additional billion dollars	10	project doesn't have that power.
11	of project costs. So, just to be clear, it takes a	11	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. Thank you.
12	\$1.5 billion project and makes it a \$2.5 billion project.	12	THE MODERATOR: Who are your business
13	And, doesn't increase the amount of energy that flows in,	13	competitors, now that Eversource is the largest utility
14	doesn't increase the other benefits that we're talking	14	company in New England?
15	about. It really is additional project costs. Our view	15	MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, Eversource, in
16	is that that then becomes a project that is challenged	16	essence, is the parent company of a whole series of
17	economically.	17	affiliated utility companies. These are franchised
18	So, we've tried to strike the balance.	18	utility companies, which means they operate within a
19	We've tried to have a project that still works	19	specific geography. And, they have, in essence, a that
20	economically, and addresses the view impacts to the	20	franchise service territory is, in essence, a monopoly.
21	maximum extent possible.	21	So, as a Public Service Company, we have a designated
22	THE MODERATOR: All right. We live	22	area, where our ability to transmit and distribute
23	along the publicly proposed route through Bear Rock Road,	23	electricity is not subject to competition. You know, we
24	in Stewartstown. How is it possible that Northern Pass	24	do it under a fully regulated structure, where our rates
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1	proposes to bury the line through our private property,	1	are subject to a setting and regulation by the PUC. And,
2	without our permission and without eminent domain?	2	that's part of what's referred to as the "utility
3	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. So, I'm going to	3	compact". In exchange for that monopoly right to that
4	refer that question to Mark Hodgdon. He's a member of our	4	geography, all of our ratemaking, our return on the
5	Project Team. So, in this portion of the route, we're	5	investments we make are subject to regulation and
6	talking about now underground construction through a	6	adjustment by the Public Utility Commission.
7	public roadway. Okay? That's what this question is based	7	That's the regulated utility model
8	upon.	8	across the United States. We happen to operate in three
9	MR. HODGDON: Yes. And, Bear Rock Road	9	different states. Here, in New Hampshire. So, Public
10	is located up north, in the 8-mile section. By the way,	10	Service New Hampshire is our regulated utility in the
11	my name is Mark Hodgdon. I'm a private attorney, working	11	State of New Hampshire. We have similar utilities in
12	with Northern Pass. Prior to opening my own practice four	12	Massachusetts and Connecticut.
13	years ago, I was in the Attorney General's Office for 24	13	THE MODERATOR: Okay. How do you
14	years where I represented DOT, and I was Bureau Chief for	14	to cross the waterways?
15	14 years.	15	MR. QUINLAN: So, I'm going to turn to
16	Bear Rock Road is a public highway	16	our Project Team as well. Sam Johnson is one of our
17	easement area. The intention is to stay fully within the	17	project engineers.
18	existing highway easement and utilize the public rights	18	MR. JOHNSON: So, from a waterway
19	that are owned there. There is no intention to use any	19	perspective, I'm going to give you two answers, one for
20	private land that isn't secured and owned or leased by	20	aerial. So, if it's an overhead structure, we will build
21	Eversource or Northern Pass. On Bear Rock Road, in	21	a structure on one side of the water, build a structure on
22	particular, the present plan is to actually stay within,	22	the other side of the water, and then hang the wires most
23	even though the right-of-way extends beyond the roadway	23	likely with helicopters, to string across a water
24	itself, in the ditch line. And, in fact, if you go on	24	facility.
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1	For the underground parts of the	1	It's small businesses in the North Country who are looking
2	project, we will do what's called a "directional drill".	2	for opportunities. It's individuals in the North Country
3	It's a specialized machine that will basically drill	3	and elsewhere who are looking for job opportunities and
4	underneath, to quite a deep depth, and then come back on	4	career opportunities. So, we are getting a wide range of
5	the other side. So, for the most part, we will not be	5	input. When I say "we've been listening", it's not just
6	impacting any waterways or wetlands.	6	to the communities.
7	THE MODERATOR: Okay. What part of the	7	So, at a community level, we've
8	hydropower coming into coming from coming through	8	certainly heard, as I said at the outset, the concern over
9	New Hampshire will be used in New Hampshire?	9	visual impacts. And, you know, we have taken that very
10	MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, all of the power	10	heavily into account in the announcement that we made.
11	flowing across this line will be delivered to Deerfield,	11	You know, reducing the size of the project, committing to
12	New Hampshire. So, it's all its delivery point is, for	12	a substantial amount of additional undergrounding, even
13	100 percent of the power, is Deerfield. As you probably	13	though it's going to drive the project costs significantly
14	know, New Hampshire is part of a regional electric grid.	14	upward. You know, some of the things we're doing at a
15	So, all of New England has one grid. So, when the power	15	local level to address visual impact. That's all been
16	arrives at that point, it then feeds the rest of New	16	based on that input, including, in particular, input we've
17	England, just like any other generator in any other state	17	received from communities.
18	feeds into one grid. So, technically, the power is all	18	Now, I'll say, at a community level, you
19	commingled, if you will.	19	know, there are many communities that are very excited
20	From a contractual perspective, one of	20	about the project. They look at it from a tax
21	the things we have negotiated now with Hydro-Quebec is an	21	perspective. You know, if you if you look at some of
22	agreement whereby 10 percent of the power flowing over	22	these towns, the additional tax revenue generated by a
23	this line is contractually or commercially reserved for	23	project of this size is very material. It's not
24	New Hampshire. So, why 10 percent? New Hampshire is	24	insignificant. And, in some instances, these are towns
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1	about 9 percent of New England's total load. Meaning, if	1	that would benefit greatly from that. You know, they look
2	you add up all the customer consumption across the	2	at it from what it could do to their local economies, in
3	six-state region, New Hampshire represents about 9 percent	3	creating jobs and helping to stimulate economic
4	of that. One of the things we wanted to ensure was that	4	development.
5	New Hampshire receive its fair share of the power flowing	5	So, I will say the community input,
6	over the line commercially and contractually. So, we've	6	clearly, you've heard the scenic issue, the visual impact
7	been able to reach that agreement now with Hydro-Quebec,	7	issue, it's factored heavily into our plan. But we're
8	on a very cost-effective or economic basis.	8	also hearing, even at a municipal and community level, you
9	So, you know, two ways to view this.	9	know, multiple different perspectives. And, you know, I
10	One, technically, where's the power flow? And, then,	10	think that's consistent. You know, you hear that up and
11	commercially or contractually, who gets the benefit of the	11	down the route. And, you know, that's the dialogue we're
12	power, if you will?	12	going to continue. When I said earlier, we're going to
13	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Please explain	13	turn our attention to the local level, we're going to be
14	why you claim to have "listened to public comments", but	14	working in each one of the communities that would be
15	have not heard overwhelming opposition from 24 communities	15	hosting this project around "what are the additional
16	where you do not propose to bury the power lines.	16	things we could do around this project to make it more
17	MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, community input	17	acceptable to that and more beneficial to that community?"
18	has been critically important, as has other input from	18	THE MODERATOR: This is a very general
19	across the state. So, when I indicate we've talked and	19	question. I'm not I don't know the specific concern.
20	received input from a wide range of stakeholders, it's	20	But what happens if this project does not go through?
21	certainly communities, it's certainly landowners along the	21	MR. QUINLAN: So, I think the simple
22	route. It also includes a wide range of business	22	answer is, you know, the benefits that I highlighted
23	customers, small and large across the state, who are	23	earlier, those aren't realized. You know, they are
24	struggling with, you know, high and volatile energy costs.	24	basically a result of the project being sited and
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1	constructed here in New Hampshire. That's, in essence,	1	about earlier. And, that's going to continue. It's
2	what happens.	2	terrible that we address those issues to the extent
3	What happens at a more global level? I	3	possible.
4	think New Hampshire and New England continue to struggle	4	Now, Bob.
5	with the power supply. You know, we're retiring a lot of	5	MR. CLARKE: Thanks, Bill. Yes. We
6	power plants in our region, and, likely in our state.	6	have we have contracted with a renowned expert, Dr.
7	Whether it's nuclear plants, like Vermont Yankee, coal	7	James Chalmers, who has done some key studies in the New
8	plants across the entire region. You know, you get to a	8	Hampshire area. And, he's also reviewed all the national
9	point where you've retired so much generation that, you	9	studies. And, the visceral impact or the typical reaction
10	know, those price swings become very significant, and you	10	is that a high voltage transmission line will have an
11	start to worry about "do we have enough power to meet the	11	impact on property value. The data that Dr. Chalmers has
12	needs of our customers?"	12	looked at does not support that. As he looks at he
13	You know, if this project doesn't go	13	looked at case studies in New Hampshire, he looked at real
14	forward, you know, we likely continue to increase our	14	estate market activity, and also at subdivision sales.
15	dependence on coal-fired power plants, oil-fired power	15	And, in all cases, there is little or no discernable
16	plants, heavier reliance on natural gas, at a point where	16	impact.
17	we're already 50 over 50 percent dependent on one fuel	17	Now, that may not it may not be the
18	source for generation in this region. So, we're putting	18	way folks react to, you know, a high voltage transmission
19	all of our eggs in one basket.	19	line, but the sales price to list price data and
20	And, I think, you know, think about what	20	days-on-the-market data are similar for properties that
21	happens environmentally. You know, one of the big things	21	are located near transmission lines, as they are to
22	that the country, New England, and New Hampshire can do to	22	properties that are not.
23	reduce our carbon footprint is a project like this. And,	23	THE MODERATOR: Historic, natural, and
24	you know, look at the Obama administration's Clean Power	24	scenic resources are very significant features of the
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1	Plan and the reliance they put on imported hydro from	1	character and economy of our state. Please give an
2	Canada to meet this nation's carbon reduction goals and	2	example of an adverse impact on it and or, I guess, or
3	you'll see what I'm talking about. Okay?	3	an unreasonable adverse impact on a historic resource that
4	So, the short answer is, really, the	4	is a significant building, district, or landscape from
5	benefits, both in economic and environmental, don't	5	this project.
6	materialize, and we have to find some other way to meet	6	MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, I'm going to ask
7	our customers' needs for energy.	7	Lee Carbonneau, she's one of our environmental and
8	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Here are a couple	8	historical resources scientists on the project. So, go
9	questions relating to the impact of the project on	9	ahead, Lee.
10	property values. How will this not depreciate our	10	MS. CARBONNEAU: Thanks, Bill. There
11	property, especially if our land is in sight of the I	11	has been quite a lot of historical research on this
12	guess, the view is in site view? Okay. And, what is	12	project. So, there are two parallel projects going
13	the economic impact on local land or homeowners on the	13	forward. The Department of Energy has their own experts
14	value of their land or homes? And, what mitigation	14	who are looking at historical resources, the Northern Pass
15	measures or dollar compensation is afforded them?	15	team also has experts looking at historical resources.
16	MR. QUINLAN: So, I'm going to turn this	16	There's a federal process called
17	over in a minute to Bob Clarke from our Project Team. But	17	"Section 106" of the National Historic Preservation Act,
18	I will say one of the things we're doing, and we've been	18	and that is a process that outlines how you look for
19	now at it for a year or so, is really doing outreach to	19	historical resources, evaluate project impacts, and then
20	adjoining property owners up and down this route. I think	20	what you do to mitigate those.
21	we've had over 3,000 interactions now with landowners	21	So, so far, we have completed both
22	across the state. In many instances, we've been able to	22	aboveground and belowground, some belowground resource
23	answer questions, address concerns, and resolve issues.	23	surveys. We've got archeological surveys that have
24	This is the case-by-case local steps that I was talking	24	identified areas of sensitivity along the project area,
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1	that have also identified some existing archeological	1	
2	sites and some new archeological sites.	2	
3	In some locations, we have been able to	3	
4	shift the project footprint of structures away from those	4	
5	locations. There are some where we may have some impacts	5	
6	to archeological resources. The process that we have to	6	
7	go through to identify what needs to be done, how	7	
8	important those resources are, that's all part of a big	8	
9	process that involves consultation with consulting groups,	9	
10	the Division of Historical Resources in New Hampshire, and	10	
11	the lead federal agency, which is the Department of	11	
12	Energy. And, that all happens through the Section 106	12	
13	process.	13	
14	On the aboveground resource side, we've	14	
15	identified several historical properties that have the	15	
16	potential to have an adverse resource an adverse impact	16	
17	from the project. Out of we have information on almost	17	
18	1,300 historical resources along the project route. Out	18	
19	of those, slightly less than 200 were found to have a	19	
20	potential view of the project or could be visible from the	20	
21	project area. And, of those, only about a dozen were	21	
22	found to have just a possibility of having an adverse	22	
23	impact. Whether or not that, you know, that is the	23	
24	opinion of the historical resource experts that are	24	
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Our intention is to, in many instances, offer full-time employment to these apprentices when they become fully qualified. Whether they're with the Company or with the contractor who's working on the Company's behalf. So, for those folks, you know, what they're going to learn as a result of their involvement in this project is a career. And, one, whether it's with Eversource, with one of our contractors, or otherwise, it's going to extend well beyond the construction period. Now, for a two and a half year construction project, that's a long-duration construction project. There are not many projects that you would see of that duration. So, when you talk to folks who are in the construction industry, this is a unique opportunity to put folks to work for an extended period of time here in the State of New Hampshire. Okay? And, as I said earlier, we're going to source these jobs, to the maximum extent possible, locally. One of the things we've done is had some of our major contractors begin to outreach to local contractors, to see what exactly can we source within the state. And, one of the things we're finding is, you know, there are some really good resources within this state that are going to be very valuable in this project. I can't give {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

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1	working on it from Northern Pass. That information will	1	you
2	get provided to the Department of Energy, and their	2	yea
3	resource experts, as well as the Division of Historical	3	far,
4	Resources. And, through the consultation process, it will	4	bet
5	be determined how important those impacts could be, what	5	to e
6	kinds of mitigation can occur to reduce those impacts.	6	sta
7	And, that whole process gets worked through at the federal	7	
8	level in the Section 106 process, and has to be resolved	8	brir
9	before the project can move forward.	9	eve
10	MR. QUINLAN: Thank you.	10	opt
11	THE MODERATOR: Thank you. Here's a	11	her
12	couple questions about jobs. What percentage of the jobs	12	thir
13	created will be filled by local folks, versus experts from	13	bea
14	outside? And, will any jobs last longer than it takes to	14	
15	complete the project?	15	Pro
16	MR. QUINLAN: Yes, on the second	16	ger
17	question, which is "are any jobs expected to last beyond	17	And
18	the project?" So, I mentioned earlier our Apprentice	18	
19	Training Program, which, by the way, we've already	19	que
20	launched and we've already brought in the first 15	20	
21	apprentices. So, they're out in the field learning a	21	the
22	skill and a trade. Our goal and that's just the first	22	ind
23	class. We're going to continue to add classes as we move	23	
24	forward with this project into the actual construction.	24	10
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	you an exact percentage at this point, because we're a
2	year or more away from starting construction. But, thus
;	far, you know, we're seeing a really good correlation
ļ	between the types of skills and services and goods we need
;	to execute this project and what's available in this
;	state.
,	There is no doubt we're going to have to
;	bring in some folks from out of state to actually fill
)	every one of those 2,400 construction jobs. But I'm
D	optimistic that a good percentage is going to come right
1	here from New Hampshire residents. And, you know, I
2	think, thus far, our early indication is that's going to
3	be a reality. Thank you.
4	THE MODERATOR: If the Northern Pass
5	Project goes through, what percentage of your power
6	generated will go to each individual New England state?
7	And, please be specific.
В	MR. QUINLAN: Could you repeat that
9	question?
0	THE MODERATOR: Yes. What percentage of
1	the power generated by this project would go to each
2	individual New England state?
3	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. So, I mentioned the
4	10 percent of the power that's being reserved for New
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1	Hampshire. Right? That's, in essence, going to be a firm	
2	power purchase agreement, where that 10 percent is fully	
3	committed to our customers here in New Hampshire. The	
4	other 90 percent of the power flowing over the line has	
5	not been subscribed, meaning it has not been contracted	
6	for at this point. And, it's conceivable that that power	
7	would be sold into the open market, and not contracted for	
8	on a long-term basis. Which means, basically,	
9	Hydro-Quebec would deliver that power to Deerfield, New	
10	Hampshire. It would enter the grid, enter New England's	
11	one wholesale market for power, and lower that cost of	
12	power. And, then, whoever's buying power in New England	
13	on any particular day would essentially be buying a slice	
14	of this.	
15	So, the short answer is, only the	
16	10 percent for New Hampshire has been committed. The	
17	other 90 percent at this point has not been committed to	
18	to any other state in New England.	
19	THE MODERATOR: Okay. The additional	
20	power from this project, how will that affect the cost of	:
21	electricity in New Hampshire, in dollars and	:
22	kilowatt-hours?	:
23	MR. QUINLAN: In dollars and	:
24	kilowatt-hours. Okay. So, in dollars, you know, there	:
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into megawatt-hours. But it's 100 megawatts of, in essence, capacity when we need it, which is during the 3 peak hours. And, we'll run the math as to what that looks 4 like on an annual basis. We'll get you an answer before we break today. THE MODERATOR: Okay. How is the \$80 7 million a year in lower energy costs calculated? And, are 8 there any documents made available to the public apparently used to calculate that 80 million? 9 10 MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, that's based 11 upon an analysis by an expert, one of Economics 12 International. They essentially look at "what's the 13 energy cost to New Hampshire customers without Northern 14 Pass?" And, then, you take the Northern Pass Project and 15 you plug it into the model, and you look at "what does it 16 do to lower that?" So, it's a before and an after type of 17 analysis. It is based upon a lot of different variables 18 and assumptions. You know, what's the forward --19 projected forward price of energy in New England? What's 20 the forward price of natural gas in New England? Which 21 plants retire in New England? How many new plants are built, and of what kind and at what price? 22 23 So, there are a lot of inputs into that 24 model. But it's basically a before and after analysis. {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

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1	are two things that are going to result from this project	1	And, the driver of
2	to lower energy costs. The \$80 million a year is a result	2	wholesale market
3	of lowering the wholesale market price for all of New	3	portion of which s
4	England. Okay? So, that's one benefit that New Hampshire	4	
5	customers will see.	5	a second question
6	The power purchase agreement that I just	6	
7	mentioned for the remaining 10 percent, that's fully	7	
8	committed to New Hampshire, is going to add incremental	8	the report be avail
9	economic benefit to customers here in New Hampshire.	9	
10	So, right now, we're being very	10	
11	conservative in estimating what that annual financial	11	"yes". We will be
12	benefit to New Hampshire is. And, we're saying it's	12	But it uses a well-
13	\$80 million. My view is there's a lot of upside to that	13	energy prices and
14	figure.	14	in the public doma
15	And, the second question is on	15	
16	THE MODERATOR: Well, the	16	question, what ab
17	MR. QUINLAN: megawatt-hours?	17	
18	THE MODERATOR: Well, it said	18	energy cost saving
19	"kilowatt".	19	benefits that are re
20	MR. QUINLAN: Kilowatt-hours, okay. So,	20	created, the oppor
21	we'll give you an answer to that later today. But it's	21	that are being pro
22	100 megawatts of firm capacity during peak periods, which	22	So, that GDP effect
23	means 40 hours a week, during the highest priced peaks of	23	to the energy bene
24	the week. So, we'll have to do the math to translate that	24	expert analysis the
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	And, the driver of the savings is the suppression in the
	wholesale market clearing price for all of New England, a
	portion of which serves New Hampshire.
	What was the second question? Was there
	a second question there?
;	THE MODERATOR: No.
,	MR. QUINLAN: Oh, the question was "will
	the report be available?"
	THE MODERATOR: Oh, yes. Okay.
D	MR. QUINLAN: And, the short answer is
1	"yes". We will be making public that expert analysis.
2	But it uses a well-accepted approach to projecting future
3	energy prices and savings or cost changes. But it will be
1	in the public domain.
5	THE MODERATOR: And, then, as a related
6	question, what about the 2 billion in GDP increase?
7	MR. QUINLAN: That's unrelated to the
3	energy cost savings, okay? So, those are incremental
9	benefits that are really driven by the jobs that are
D	created, the opportunities at a local level for services
1	that are being provided to support the project execution.
2	So, that GDP effect is separate and apart or incremental
3	to the energy benefit. Okay? That also is based upon an
1	expert analysis that will be in the public domain, using a
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very common and accepted industry process and method for	1	range today from somewhere around 50 feet
evaluating GDP effects. But all of this will be available	2	FROM THE FLOOR: Thirty-five.
to the public, so that you can take a look at the	3	MR. QUINLAN: perhaps there are some
assumptions and what drives the results that are	4	35, but I I don't believe that's true. We can check
mentioned.	5	that. But let me give you the range. So, it's roughly
THE MODERATOR: Two questions related to	6	50 feet. There are structures on that current
the CO2 emission reductions. How did you calculate the	7	transmission right-of-way that are 95 feet, roughly.
CO2 emission reductions? And, how did you determine the	8	That's the existing transmission line. As I said earlier,
reductions would occur in New Hampshire?	9	the most common structure for the new line that would be
MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, you know, the	10	in that same right-of-way running parallel would be
simple way of looking at emissions reductions is you look	11	80 feet. Now, there are some structures that are staller
at the existing generation fleet. You know, how do we	12	than the 80 feet, and some that are shorter, but, you
generate power today? What's the generation units needed	13	know, that's the range we're talking about. And, again,
to meet customer demand? And, what's the carbon footprint	14	we're in the same right-of-way running parallel to those
of those? So, today, there's nuclear plants, oil plants,	15	existing lines.
natural gas plants, coal plants. You then look at "what	16	THE MODERATOR: Okay.
would it be after Northern Pass is in service?" And, you	17	MR. QUINLAN: I just want to double
essentially take 1,000 megawatts of the existing fleet and	18	check. Am I right on the
you allow it to go away, because it's not needed to meet	19	MR. JOHNSON: Forty-one (41) feel is the
customer demand.	20	low height, 97 feet is the tall height.
So, it's basically an elimination of the	21	[Audience interruption.]
carbon footprint of the 1,000 megawatts of least economic	22	MR. QUINLAN: So, the existing
generation in New England. So, it basically pushes it	23	current the existing current structures range from
out. So, today, that would likely be coal plants and oil	24	41 feet to 97 feet. Okay? And, the most common new
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	very common and accepted industry process and method for evaluating GDP effects. But all of this will be available to the public, so that you can take a look at the assumptions and what drives the results that are mentioned. THE MODERATOR: Two questions related to the CO2 emission reductions. How did you calculate the CO2 emission reductions? And, how did you determine the reductions would occur in New Hampshire? MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, you know, the simple way of looking at emissions reductions is you look at the existing generation fleet. You know, how do we generate power today? What's the generation units needed to meet customer demand? And, what's the carbon footprint of those? So, today, there's nuclear plants, oil plants, natural gas plants, coal plants. You then look at "what would it be after Northern Pass is in service?" And, you essentially take 1,000 megawatts of the existing fleet and you allow it to go away, because it's not needed to meet customer demand. So, it's basically an elimination of the carbon footprint of the 1,000 megawatts of least economic generation in New England. So, it basically pushes it	very common and accepted industry process and method for evaluating GDP effects. But all of this will be available to the public, so that you can take a look at the assumptions and what drives the results that are mentioned.1THE MODERATOR: CO2 emission reductions. How did you calculate the reductions would occur in New Hampshire?7OC emission reductions? And, how did you determine the reductions would occur in New Hampshire?9MR. QUINLAN: Yes. So, you know, the simple way of looking at emissions reductions is you look at the existing generation fleet. You know, how do we generate power today? What's the generation units needed to fhose? So, today, there's nuclear plants, oil plants, natural gas plants, coal plants. You then look at "what would it be after Northern Pass is in service?" And, you essentially take 1,000 megawatts of the existing fleet and you allow it to go away, because it's not needed to meet customer demand.20So, it's basically an elimination of the carbon footprint of the 1,000 megawatts of least economic generation in New England. So, it basically pushes it out. So, today, that would likely be coal plants and oil21

1	plants. Those are the least economic units that we run	1	structure would be 80 feet.
2	today to meet customer demand. So, those plants, as I	2	THE MODERATOR: Is that correct? Okay.
3	said earlier, absent Northern Pass, continue to operate,	3	All right. What is the estimated amount Northern
4	because they're going to be needed to meet the needs of	4	Pass/Hydro-Quebec will earn from this project annually, in
5	our customers. You put Northern Pass in, they go away, as	5	5 years, 10 years, 15 years?
6	do their emissions. That's the analysis.	6	MR. QUINLAN: So, I'm going to turn this
7	THE MODERATOR: And, how did you	7	question over to Jim Muntz. Jim is the President of our
8	determine the reductions that would occur in New	8	Transmission Operations for the three states that I
9	Hampshire?	9	referred to earlier, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New
10	MR. QUINLAN: The figure I shared, the	10	Hampshire. Jim.
11	3 million tons, is really it looks at New England's	11	MR. MUNTZ: Okay. So, Eversource's role
12	generation mix. You know, as we all know, carbon	12	and NPT's role in this project is to build the
13	emissions don't recognize borders between states	13	transmission, just like our role is to build any other
14	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or countries.	14	transmission in New England, in our service territory.
15	MR. QUINLAN: or countries. So, you	15	We're really disconnected and have no part with the power
16	know, that's a that looks at the generation fleet for	16	sales. So, you know, HQ's profits are really up to
17	all of New England, not just New Hampshire.	17	whatever deals they can strike, whatever power purchase
18	THE MODERATOR: Okay. How tall are the	18	arrangements they can make. So, this is like any other
19	current structures in the right-of in the right-of-way	19	New England transmission project, as far as investment for
20	in New Hampton? Why should the tourists coming, I guess,	20	us.
21	gathering coming to the Lakes Region, why should they	21	Typically, you know, depending on how
22	suffer the visual blight of even taller towers?	22	it's financed, you're looking at probably, you know, an 8
23	MR. QUINLAN: So, I think, as to the	23	percent average return on the money needed to finance the
24	first question, subject to check, I think the structures	24	project. There's an equity and a debt piece of that. But
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1	the average earnings that we expect, which would decline
2	over the life of the project, we would start, as it goes
3	into service in the first year, somewhere in the 80 to
4	\$90 million range per year. That's Eversource's profit
5	for this. And, then, that declines as the asset
6	depreciates over 40 years.
7	Typically, after an asset is fully
8	depreciated, the operating and maintenance expense is all
9	that's left. And, that's minimal, usually five to ten
10	percent. Occasionally, in a case like this, that would be
11	rolled into the regional costs. So, you know, that's our
12	investment story.
13	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Is it
14	Eversource's intent to put some of their property holdings
15	into current use? If that is the case, would that not be
16	a reduction in revenue for the towns? So, it seems what
17	you claim you will be giving with one on one hand, you
18	will be taking with the other.
19	MR. QUINLAN: Could you repeat that
20	question,
21	THE MODERATOR: Okay.
22	MR. QUINLAN: to make sure I
23	understand it.
24	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Is it
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Standard? 1 2 MR. QUINLAN: My view of that is "no". 3 This project, you know, was originally conceived as a way 4 of meeting our clean energy goals. That was the original 5 concept behind it. And, it's still one of the significant 6 benefits that it derives. You know, if you think about 7 what we're trying to achieve through energy efficiency or 8 new clean supplies of electricity like this, is to 9 basically reduce our emissions and carbon footprint to 10 address climate change or global warming. That's the -that's the key. This is entirely complementary with an 11 12 energy efficiency program. 13 I'll add another way in which this 14 actually increases potentially the amount of energy 15 efficiency. We announced, as part of that ForwardNH Fund, 16 a focus on clean energy innovation. You know, one of the 17 things we're specifically looking at is "how do we make 18 investments in the clean energy sector, including 19 potentially energy efficiency, to further that important 20 objective?" So, we've identified it as a focus area. 21 It's incremental environmental benefit from the project 22 itself. But it's clearly something we're very focused on. 23 So, I personally believe that the energy efficiency and 24 our need for more of that is very complementary to what {SEC 2015-06}[Laconia Meeting-Presentation/Q&A]{09-10-15}

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2	into current use, which would reduce the property taxes on	2	TH
3	that? If that is the case, would that not be a reduction	3	Deerfield as the termi
4	in revenue for the towns? So,	4	MF
5	MR. QUINLAN: Oh, okay. I've got it.	5	that one to the Projec
6	THE MODERATOR: Yes.	6	MF
7	MR. QUINLAN: I've got it.	7	project initially, there
8	THE MODERATOR: Okay.	8	we looked at where the
9	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. You know, for	9	put it just over the bo
10	properties that we own that are going to be used for	10	two converters, you r
11	purposes of this project, you know, obviously, we're going	11	keep the Canadian sy
12	to continue to own them, the project will be sited on	12	separate, because the
13	them, and that combination will generate the tax revenues	13	that aren't compatible
14	that we were referring to earlier. That's where the	14	could have put both o
15	\$30 million estimate comes from. It's the basically,	15	The only problem wit
16	the cost of the project, including those properties we	16	impact of this project
17	own.	17	it to a strong point, a
18	The 5,000 acres that I was referring to	18	lf v
19	earlier, we don't intend to use for the project. So,	19	dropped a thousand i
20	they're not factored into the tax calculation and the tax	20	have to build two AC
21	figures that we shared with you, the \$30 million.	21	felt that was more of
22	THE MODERATOR: Will the Northern Pass	22	the state to a relativel
23	Project create a disincentive towards greater energy	23	actually in Deerfield.
24	efficiency, such as through an Energy Efficiency Resource	24	No
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the objectives of this project are.
THE MODERATOR: Why did you choose
Deerfield as the termination point for Northern Pass?
MR. QUINLAN: Okay. I'm going to turn
that one to the Project Team?
MR. MUNTZ: Sure. As we looked at the
project initially, there's lots of ways to do this. And,
we looked at where the converter would be. We could have
put it just over the border. You can actually you need
two converters, you need to convert, okay? You need to
keep the Canadian system and the New England system
separate, because they have some different characteristics
that aren't compatible. So, you need two converters. We
could have put both converters up right near the border.
The only problem with that, when you start looking at the
impact of this project on the system, you have to deliver
it to a strong point, a strong electrical point.
If we put the converter up there and
dropped a thousand megawatts in the far north, we would
have to build two AC lines up to the converters. And, we
felt that was more of an impact than one line coming down
the state to a relatively strong delivery point, which is
actually in Deerfield.
Now, when we looked "where is a good
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	point to put the converter?" We wanted to look at where	1	THE MODERATOR: You seem to understand
	our route terminus would be. And, then, what how do we	2	the importance of tourism to the state, as you have
	get from wherever that converter would be on over to	3	acquiesced to bury the line in the White Mountains. Are
	Deerfield? So, we, you know, looked at land parcels and	4	you aware that the Lakes Region Lakes Region garnish
	so forth, and found a good location near the existing AC	5	more tourism dollars and will be greatly impacted by
	right-of-way. And, we ended up with that as the best	6	impaired viewscapes?
	balanced choice.	7	MR. QUINLAN: Certainly aware of the
	THE MODERATOR: Is there any technical	8	importance of tourism to New Hampshire. You know, that
	reason you chose not to continue burial into New Hampton?	9	also came loud and clear as we listened to stakeholders
)	MR. QUINLAN: A technical reason? So, I	10	across the state. And, it wasn't just limited to the
I.	will say that, you know, one of the things we have been	11	White Mountain National Forest or that area of the region.
2	focused on in striking the balance, I think I said it	12	It's, obviously, an important economic driver for the
3	earlier, which is, you know, the technical aspect of this.	13	entirety of this state.
Ļ	This fundamentally has to be a project that uses a proven	14	Our ForwardNH Fund also identifies
5	technology, and we know it's going to work when we	15	tourism as a focus area. So, we have the four focus
6	energize it, and it operates reliably.	16	areas. I mentioned the clean energy innovation, community
7	It's one of the reasons we scaled down	17	investment, tourism, okay? We specifically picked
3	the size of the project. So, you know, when we looked at	18	tourism, because we understand it's important. And, we
)	the decision to underground more of the project, you know,	19	think, by deploying a portion of that fund in this
)	there is a 1,200-megawatt cable technology that has been	20	critical area, we can have a positive impact on tourism
	introduced, of the same design as the one we're going with	21	here in this state. And, we've already had some
2	here, which is 1,000 megawatts. It's not in commercial	22	initiatives come forward that we really think would
3	use anywhere in the United States. And, we didn't want to	23	deliver significant benefits in this space to the State of
ŀ	be the first-of-a-kind introducing that in a project of	24	New Hampshire.
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1	this importance, with this type of investment, where we're	1	So, the short answer is, we clearly are
2	not comfortable with the technological risk.	2	aware of the importance of tourism. We're going to do
3	So, that's what led to the decision to	3	what we can around this project, to ensure that we don't
4	go to 1,000 megawatts. Now, we got to 1,000. Even at	4	have a negative effect. And, I think we're going to have
5	1,000 megawatts, this 60 miles of underground construction	5	some opportunities to actually have a very positive effect
6	will be the longest underground construction in North	6	on tourism as a result of those local investments that we
7	America using this cable. Okay? So, we'll be, you know,	7	intend to make.
8	I'll say "innovating" in a way, in that we're pushing that	8	THE MODERATOR: Please comment on the
9	envelope for the use of this particular cable. We do see	9	New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources' initial
10	instances overseas where it's been used successfully.	10	evaluation of Northern Pass's evaluation and survey of
11	But, you know, we feel comfortable with that technological	11	visual impacts to state historic resources along the
12	risk.	12	proposed route.
13	You know, can you go further? We think	13	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. I'll turn that over
14	you probably can go further, from a technical perspective,	14	to Lee.
15	using this type of cable. There is a limit as to how far	15	MS. CARBONNEAU: Could you repeat that
16	you would want to go technologically.	16	question please.
17	Now, I mentioned at the outset, the	17	THE MODERATOR: Please comment on the
18	reason we landed on the 60 miles was one of balance. And,	18	New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources' initial
19	it's not just a "technical" question, you have to factor	19	evaluation of Northern Pass's evaluation and survey of
20	in the economics of more underground construction. From a	20	visual impacts to state historic resources along the
21	balance perspective, we landed on 60 miles of underground	21	proposed route.
22	construction as being technological acceptable, addressing	22	MS. CARBONNEAU: Okay. The Division of
23	the view impacts that we've heard the most about, and	23	Historical Resources actually has not yet commented on the
24	being economic. Okay?	24	Northern Pass Team's historical resources evaluation.
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1	That's being prepared now. That information is we have	1	using herbicides; it's mechanical.
2	provided them with some preliminary information. They	2	The wetlands and the water bodies are
3	will receive the rest of that information in our SEC	3	protected throughout that. There's a permit that
4	application.	4	identifies what they can and cannot do. Vernal pools are
5	But they have commented on the	5	generally not impacted. For the most part, in a wetland
6	Department of Energy's historical resource survey, the	6	situation, the vegetation is already maintained in shrub
7	aboveground portion. The Department of Energy's experts	7	vegetation or low emergent vegetation, and that is usually
8	have submitted project area forms for the project area.	8	maintained. So, you know, where it's unnecessary to cut
9	They have submitted four separate documents, broken down	9	shrubs, because they never get tall enough to be a problem
10	by region throughout the state.	10	in the lines, then those are left alone.
11	I really can't comment on their	11	THE MODERATOR: What does your research
12	comments. It's not something that has been directed	12	tell you about wildlife corridor disruptions in buried
13	towards us. They are beholding to the lead federal	13	rights-of-ways?
14	agency, which is the Department of Energy, and their team	14	MS. CARBONNEAU: Hi again.
15	will handle the comments that are received on those	15	THE MODERATOR: So, Lee, let me repeat
16	project area forms.	16	that.
17	THE MODERATOR: Okay. What will be your	17	MS. CARBONNEAU: Yes. Thank you.
18	methods of maintaining the rights-of-way, especially the	18	THE MODERATOR: I think it's asking if
19	vernal pools and wetlands?	19	there's a difference between wildlife disruption if
20	MR. QUINLAN: Okay. So, this is a	20	they're overhead or buried, I'm not sure, but I'll read
21	question of "vernal pools and wetlands", perhaps Lee.	21	the question exactly as it is. What does your research
22	MS. CARBONNEAU: I'm sorry. Could your	22	tell you about wildlife corridor disruptions in buried
23	repeat that again. Sorry.	23	rights-of-ways?
24	THE MODERATOR: You didn't expect two in	24	FROM THE FLOOR: Can I respond to that
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1	a row, right?	1	or not? No? Okav.
2	MS. CARBONNEAU: No.	2	MS. CARBONNEAU: Okay.
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3	THE MODERATOR: All right. What will be	-	MR. QUINLAN: So, maybe address it this
4	your methods of maintaining the rights-of-way, especially	4	way. Address regular rights-of-way, and, then, obviously,
5	the vernal pools and wetlands?	5	most of our burial is in state roadways here, so
6	MS. CARBONNEAU: Okay. The methods for	6	FROM THE FLOOR: It is my question.
7	managing vegetation in the rights-of-way will be	7	I've asked that I clarify the question.
8	consistent with the way it's been done all along,	8	THE MODERATOR: That's your question?
9	through certainly, through New Hampton and most of the	9	All right. Just a second, sir. Come up to the microphone
10	project area. The new lines are going to be collocated in	10	then.
11	a right-of-way that's already being managed.	11	FROM THE FLOOR: Okay. It is my
12	The management generally involves	12	question. And, it's kind of hard to
13	trimming of vegetation mechanically every three to five	13	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Sir, just ask the
14	years or a little bit more. The goal is to, obviously,	14	question.
15	maintain the clearance that's necessary for safety	15	FROM THE FLOOR: Okay. What I meant
16	purposes between the conductors and the vegetation. So,	16	was, have you found in your research anything about the
17	generally, anything that gets over about 20 feet needs to	17	disruption of I'm talking about the corridor of the
18	be cut. That happens whether it's in wetlands or in	18	wildlife movement and your buried any burial of lines?
19	uplands throughout the right-of-way.	19	Does that make sense? I'm talking about, do animals
20	But that work is generally done through	20	continue to go over lines that have already previously
21	permitting process with the State of New Hampshire,	21	been buried? I have never heard it.
22	following best management practices. There is an actual	22	THE MODERATOR: Okay. All right. Thank
23	manual that has been developed, and it's being used by	23	you.
24	Eversource in New Hampshire. And, it doesn't involve	24	FROM THE FLOOR: That's all.
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1	MS. CARBONNEAU: All right. Thank you.	1	add, beyond
2	That helps. Generally, I think a buried corridor, as well	2	that's being
3	as an aboveground corridor, has an area where the	3	this early su
4	vegetation needs to be maintained in a low cover.	4	transmissio
5	Obviously, in an aerial line, it's because of clearance	5	And, there a
6	problems. In a buried line, you don't want trees with	6	actually hav
7	deep roots growing over your lines.	7	You know, I
8	So, in both cases, you'll have a	8	a lot of pres
9	corridor of some width that is maintained in low cover,	9	species, tha
10	and that may be different from what's adjacent to it. So,	10	
11	you may have this corridor that's maintained running	11	research arc
12	through a forested area, for example.	12	linear corrid
13	We have done some research on that for	13	
14	this project, because we will have a new corridor up	14	
15	north, where we have some cleared vegetation. That	15	intend to file
16	corridor is 120 feet wide. And, we are looking into	16	have a com
17	both there are three main issues associated with that.	17	control and
18	So, the first issue is, if it runs through a forested	18	negotiating
19	area, you've obviously lost some forest canopy and forest	19	use the state
20	habitat. The second issue is, you may have an edge	20	finalize any
21	effect. Where you didn't have an edge before, you will	21	
22	now have an edge. And, edges are important. Because, in	22	proposed fo
23	some cases, they change what kinds of animals can traverse	23	there are a c
24	those areas. Sometimes they bring more predators to an	24	section, that
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	add, beyond this project, there's a body of research
	that's being done by universities across the Northeast on
	this early successional habitat, particularly in
	transmission corridors. They look at the shrub areas.
	And, there are quite a number of endangered species that
i	actually have found that to be a very positive habitat.
	You know, I think the New England cottontail, you've seen
	a lot of press around that, and many other similar
	species, that find that to be attractive areas.
)	So, there is a developing body of
1	research around the positive benefits of having some
2	linear corridors that are shrub in nature.
3	FROM THE FLOOR: Thank you.
4	THE MODERATOR: You've said that you
5	intend to file an application with the SEC in October. To
6	have a complete application, you must show you have
7	control and access to the route you propose. Are you
3	negotiating with the New Hampshire DOT for permission to
9	use the state road right-of-ways? When do you expect to
)	finalize any such agreement?
1	MR. HODGDON: The highways that are
2	proposed for the underground section, for the most part,
3	there are a couple up in the North Country, in that 8-mile
1	section, that are local roads. Part of Bear Rock Road, as
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1	area where that was not the case before. The third item	1	was mentioned earlier, is one, and Old County Road and
2	is, if you have fragmenting of large forest blocks. And,	2	North Hill Road. Those are local roads. But the bulk of
3	we have done some analysis of that with some modeling.	3	the roads around the White Mountain Forest, which is
4	In all of those cases, the project has	4	52 miles, I think is the number, those are all
5	found that these the new corridor through the North	5	state-maintained, state-owned right-of-ways. And, we have
6	Country is not going to have a really major effect on any	6	been in discussions with DOT.
7	of those things. That is, the modeling has shown that the	7	They have, as you probably realize just
8	fragmentation of forest blocks is actually fairly minimal.	8	by driving around and living in New Hampshire, utilities
9	There are other fragmenting features up there already.	9	are in public roads all over the state. And, they have an
10	This will not contribute substantially to that. There's a	10	established procedure, what's called the "Utility
11	minor effect.	11	Accommodation Manual", which we have to comply with. And,
12	There is a little bit of edge effect.	12	we are in discussions with them about using those roads,
13	That's really difficult to quantify. But there are other	13	and what they're going to require, and what the steps are
14	items in roadways, access roads, logging roads that	14	to go through that.
15	already do that as well. The loss of forest canopy cover,	15	So, the answer to the question, I think
16	when you look at how much forest canopy there is in the	16	the question was "have we been in discussions with them?"
17	North Country, that's also a relatively minor effect.	17	Yes, we have been. We are they are ongoing. They do
18	So, we have evaluated that. That	18	not have the application yet. They will get that at the
19	information will be included in our SEC application. For	19	time of the filing of the SEC, that will be part of that
20	the underground route, again, that's going to be in	20	filing. But they are aware of the project, they are aware
21	roadways or in the shoulder. And, so, we're not expecting	21	of the intention. And, it's a very significant project,
22	that to have an effect.	22	from their point of view, because of the impacts on the
23	FROM THE FLOOR: Thank you.	23	public highways.
24	MR. QUINLAN: And, I would say, just to	24	So, it's, you know, they're well aware
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1	of it. They are putting together a team to review it, and	1	that they're going to commit, you know, a piece of their
2	to consult with us and work through the process. They	2	system power to that market and they're going to make a
3	have an established process for doing it.	3	profit. Okay?
4	THE MODERATOR: All right. And, so,	4	So, our profit just comes from the
5	we're running out of time. And, I'm just going to ask,	5	infrastructure. So, you know, our interest would be "hey,
6	this is a question about New Hampton. How many towers	6	let's go build a 5 billion transmission project."
7	will be along the 7.3 miles in New Hampton, then, in	7	Eversource would make more money, but it's not going to
8	parentheses, (new and relocated)?	8	happen, because the power supplier isn't going to be
9	MR. QUINLAN: Maybe Sam. Sam, again, is	9	willing to do it. And, most importantly, the customers
10	one of our project engineers.	10	that are paying for both, on the other end, eventually,
11	THE MODERATOR: They're counting.	11	there's customers on the other end that are going to pay
12	MR. JOHNSON: So, in New Hampton, DC	12	for both. They're going to look at it and say "this
13	structures, the new structures, there will be 63	13	doesn't make any sense."
14	structures. And, relocated 115 structures, there will be	14	I'll give you an example. There's a lot
15	19.	15	of wind resource in New England, in northern Maine, and,
16	THE MODERATOR: Okay. And, finally, and	16	you know, far reaches of Vermont and New Hampshire. And,
17	I'm not sure if this has been asked or not, but what is	17	that wind resource costs so much, and the system can't
18	the ROI rate, the return of investment, for the proposed	18	absorb any more. They really need a long transmission
19	Northern Pass? And, how long to pay it off and turn	19	line, okay, down to the load centers to make that, you
20	profit?	20	know, to make that wind able to be connected to the grid
21	MR. QUINLAN: Jim. And, this goes back	21	and to get it to where the load is. And, nobody is
22	to Jim's earlier answer about how, in essence, our	22	willing to pay the cost of that new wind generation and
23	investment is recovered, and then the return that we would	23	the long transmission line, as good as wind sounds, part
24	receive from making the investment. Again, this is part	24	of that is because the wind is only going to give you
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1	of the Transmission Support Agreement that was submitted	1	about 30 percent capacity on that line, okay? It's only
2	to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	2	going to be blowing 30 percent of the time. The
3	MR. MUNTZ: Right. And, like other	3	hydropower can flow all the time. You know, they have a
4	investments in New England, transmission that we've made,	4	very high capacity factor, so they spread the cost of the
5	regulated by FERC, we've got an agreed on contractual rate	5	transmission over more megawatts that are delivered.
6	with them, that's similar to and indexed to the existing	6	That's why we feel this project is viable at a certain
7	FERC return on equity piece of this. We would typically	7	cost.
8	finance this like a utility would finance it, with half	8	MR. QUINLAN: And, I would add, because
9	debt and half equity. You end up with about, you know, an	9	I think this is an important question, and maybe an
10	8 percent money cost. This is amortized over 40 years.	10	opportunity to clear up a misconception. There is a
11	So, it's basically a 40-year mortgage on the project,	11	misconception that I've heard that, you know, "to the
12	that's half financed by debt and half equity, just, you	12	extent we, we, Eversource, keep project costs low, we
13	know, for example.	13	would make more money or a greater profit." That's not
14	THE MODERATOR: All right. And, the	14	the way a regulated business works. We receive a return
15	second part of that question, if the entire project was	15	on the investment we make.
16	buried, how long would it take to pay it off and turn a	16	So, to Jim's point, if there is a larger
17	profit, with the return of investment?	17	investment, meaning a more expensive project, the
18	MR. MUNTZ: Well, it still would be 40	18	associated return is larger. And, I know that may be
19	years. And, it would be amortized over 40 years for us,	19	counterintuitive to some, but that's the way a regulated
20	but our piece of this is only the transmission. To do any	20	industry operates. And, we talked about franchise rights
21	of these projects, to have them, you know, be viable, you	21	earlier today, that's the business model for a regulated
22	really need a power supplier that's willing to pay for the	22	utility.
23	cost of the transmission, and understand the market on the	23	THE MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you,
24	other side enough that they're going to feel comfortable	24	Mr. Quinlan. That ends the questions, the
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