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21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC") Docket No 2015-06, Northern Pass Transmission Project application.

Objection to Applicants' Response and Objection to Certain Petitions to Intervene.

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I respectfully submit this response to the 2/26/2016 "Applicants' Response and Objection to Certain Petitions to Intervene.

On February 4, 2016, I filed a petition to be an intervenor to the SEC proceedings relating to the proposed Northern Pass transmission line project. The basis of my intervention petition was that I am an abutter to the proposed buried transmission line on Route 116 in Franconia.

On February 26, 2016 the Applicant filed Applicants' Response and Objection to Certain Petitions to Intervene ("Intervention Response").

The Applicants have not objected to my petition to intervene as an abutter. Paragraph 12 of their Response states that they "do not object to the petitions to intervene of the abutting property owners...".

However, I am concerned about what appears to be a request to the SEC regarding individual participation: their Response qualifies their lack of objection by requesting that all abutting property owners be grouped together. In Paragraph 12 they go on to say:

"Hence, to the extent that such parties are grouped together, that their intervention is limited only to those issues for which the Committee finds they have demonstrated a substantial interest, and that they combine their presentations of evidence and argument, cross-examination and other participation in this proceeding, the Applicants do not oppose those petitions."

I object to the Applicants' qualification about combining all abutting (and possibly adjacent non-abutters per paragraph 23) intervenors in a large group for the purposes of this proceeding.

Abutters do not necessarily share the same interests and concerns, depending on their individual property's locations and qualities. The proposed project includes abutters who live next to proposed

overhead towers carrying transmission lines, and abutters living adjacent to buried portions. And, even within these widely diverse subgroups, the impacts vary depending on the town and local conditions. For example, impact on a northern Coos County abutter to a brand new power line corridor may be different from an abutter to a previously existing right of way. For another example, not all buried portions of the line will involve potential impact to abutters' water supplies, or impact to other buried utilities. These parties have inherently different interests from one another.

In my petition, I detailed various interests and concerns, including some concerns about impacts to my water supply. My water supply is from town water lines which run beneath Route 116, approximately 1-2 feet below the level of the proposed 1090 MW HVDC transmission cable. There may be construction phase damage to the water lines. And there will be long term post-construction operational phase difficulties and increased expense when accessing the town water lines for repairs and upgrades, and this applies to my own water line as well, which intersects the town water line. Also, the heat from the HVDC cable has potential for causing degradation of the water line and the water quality.

My specific rights and interests are therefore quite different from many of the other abutters who've requested intervenor status, and I do not think my rights and interests will be adequately served by combining the abutting intervenors all into one group. (Site 202.11 (e)).

I respectfully request that the Applicants' request to combine all abutters (paragraph 12) be denied, and their suggestion to possibly combine all non-abutters with abutters (paragraph 23) be also denied. If combining of individual abutters is to be done, I respectfully request it be done with consideration to combining only those individuals with similar circumstances and shared concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Virginia Jeffries

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