

Thomas N.T. Mullen
9 Deacon Willey Road
Campton, NH 03223

March 17, 2016

Pamela Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-06
Northern Pass Transmission Application
Response to Applicant's Response and Objection to Certain Petitions to Intervene

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I am a licensed real estate broker in the State of New Hampshire and I market real estate throughout the Lakes and White Mountains regions of New Hampshire. This is how I earn my living and support my family and my business.

The announcement of the Northern Pass project on October 10, 2010 had a severe chilling effect on the demand for real estate in my market area. Not only did demand fall off dramatically, but when properties I and others were able to sell in the vicinity or within view of the announced route of the Northern Pass, they sold for a fraction of their assessed values, at times for 50% or less of those valuations.

At the time of the October, 2010 announcement, I was selling real estate at Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club where a firm I partly owned was the developer and where I was paid commissions to sell real estate. From the date of the announcement until Owl's Nest was lost to foreclosure almost five years later, I was unable to interest anyone, not one single customer, in purchasing property from Owl Street Associates, the firm I was representing as a real estate broker as well as a principal.

Even now, a full year after Northern Pass decided to move its project's power lines and towers to a new location in the towns of Campton and Thornton away from Owl's Nest, no sales are taking place because Owl's Nest was stigmatized so badly by the pall cast over the community just from the threat of the project going through the Owl's Nest property.

On a routine basis, when I speak with prospective real estate customers, I am asked whether or not a property I propose to show my customers is anywhere within view of the Northern Pass. Consequently I steer customers away from properties that are so impacted. This prevailing action by brokers all through Northern New Hampshire has made the sale of such real estate virtually impossible at any price.

When NP's so called experts opine that there appears to be little or no impact on values, it's because there have been so few sales of impacted properties that they have little or no data from which to expound a valid theory.

Amongst many other reasons why I qualify as an intervenor in the process underway is the fact that I am now personally burdened by debt to the tune of over \$8 Million Dollars – the deficiency established when Owl's Nest was lost to foreclosure, so not only is there a continuing shadow over my life from the threat NP cast over Owl's Nest, but it's continued threat on the lives of the people I sell property for and sell property to. As a focal point of these threats, there is no one more impacted in the context of real estate values and the damage caused to the number one investment in most peoples' lives – their homes, than I am.

Respectfully,

Thomas N.T. Mullen
tntmullen@gmail.com
603-759-2510

Cc: NHSEC Distribution List for Docket No. 2015-06