

March 25, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Dear Ms. Monroe,

We hereby request a review of the decision on our petition to intervene relative to the grouping of non-abutters from Pittsburg to Bethlehem.

The proposed very large grouping denies our specific rights to due process. The towns from Pittsburg to Bethlehem are geographically separated by the 25 plus or minus miles of proposed transmission lines crossing the Wagoner Wood Lot. I would propose that Pittsburg, Clarksville and Stewartstown be the Northern Group and Dummer, Stark, Northumberland, Lancaster, Whitefield, Dalton and Bethlehem be the Southern Group.

You've separated the "within 100 foot abutters" this way. Why not be consistent? This makes greater sense when one considers that the present number of forty-four residents listed in the Dixville Notch—Harvey Swell Location intervention group is growing rapidly. The number of signators could double by this summer. Many new signators will be abutters (inside 100 feet), as are ten of the original forty-four.

The issues of the Northern group vastly differ from the Southern Group. Up north the route is an all new right-of-way. Some of the route is presently buried and some is overhead. From Stark on south, the route is on the existing right-of-way and is all above ground. Land uses, property values, and project impacts differ markedly between the Northern and Southern Groups.

Many issues of the residents living in the Northern Group area could not properly be explained by a spokesperson from the Southern Group. Some of our specific issues are:

1. The proper crossing of many watersheds, and other wetland issues, including, but not limited to:
  - o Crossing Halls Stream in Pittsburg at the US/Canadian border
  - o Crossing the Connecticut River, and Route 3
  - o Crossing Pond Brook which flows out of Clarksville Pond into Hurlbert Swamp, a nature sanctuary, owned by the The Nature Conservatory in Concord, NH
  - o Crossing Bishop Brook at Creampoke Road
  - o Running parallel to Cedar Brook along Bear Rock Road
  - o Crossing the beginning of the west branch of the Mohawk River and tributary, to Bear Rock Bog.
  - o Crossing over the Mohawk River on Heath Road
2. Other Important landmark issues include:

- Two possible cemeteries buried under town roads, where line burial is proposed *These are at Old Country Road and North Hill Road.*
- The North Hill Cemetery burial site of the infamous Coo-ash-aukes Indian *Metallak*
- Scenic vistas bordering within 300 feet of Coleman State Park
- Crossing Route 145 as it heads up Ben Young Hill, a designated Scenic Byway

No Southern Group could properly protect these issues at a public hearing. We are geographically separated. Pittsburg to Bethlehem is an hour and a half ride by vehicle. Remember, we are all volunteers. We would have difficulty meeting as a group, and much more problematic, choosing a single spokesperson. It would be difficult to reach group consensus—i.e., whether to hire a lawyer, retain expert witnesses, cross examine the Applicant or his experts, prepare a Power Point Presentation that would be pertinent to both groups. The resulting decision-making has little chance of succeeding.

Grouping will work only if the group has commonality. As presented, common ground will be hard to attain. This can be solved by separating North and South. Without this split, we will have little chance of due process.

Please consider our request to make the change. Divide our large group into North and South, separated by the Wagoner Woodlot.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Thompson  
 Co-Sponsor, Dixville Notch—Harvey Swell Location  
 599 Noyes Road  
 Stewartstown, NH 03576  
[bjtddt@gmail.com](mailto:bjtddt@gmail.com)  
 603-387-1426