

March 27, 2016

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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Ms. Monroe,

We object to the apparent plan to group all non-abutters, petitioning to intervene, under one spokesperson who would try to represent everyone for Pittsburg to Bethlehem!

As a physician I am reminded of our daily frustration to practice individualized care in an era where administrators have decided to lump all medications together that seem to have similar properties and designate one as the “official” medication “approved” by some insurance plan. It is a nice cost-saving idea that can be terrible for an individual patient. Fortunately, there is also some flexibility built-in and substantial changes as a result of input from physicians.

We are asking for similar flexibility in this process, dividing this large area into smaller areas, such as north of the Wagoner Wood Lot and south of the Wood Lot. There is another potentially more meaningful way to group things and it happens to also have an analogy in medical research called Research Domain Criteria (RDC). When applied to the Northern Pass issue, it might look something like the following:

1. Property value and view issues: Example is the Dixville Notch- Harvey Swell Location (already a self-grouping), 44 people and growing, some would see the towers up close and personal, some more distant, but all have a commonality of concern.
2. Water issues:
 - Impact on springs
 - Water lines
 - Wells
 - Those with farm animals and farms

3. Historical landmark issues: In the Kenneth Poore Foundation Museum in Stewartstown, as well as the Library of Congress in Washington, are historical maps with a designation of BEAR ROCK as a specific location near Heath Road and Holden Hill Road, worthy of further research, which is now being done. On that spot is planned a transition area from underground to overhead towers on BEAR ROCK.
4. Cemeteries:
 - North Hill Cemetery where Coo-Ash-Aukes Metallak is buried
 - This is a sensitive area in that there are people who have planted trees in memory of loved ones; loved ones who have been buried outside of typical cemeteries; burial sites; trees; sites sacred to people who do not shout, but deserve to be heard, and want to be heard.

My point is, there must be a better way than the one-size-fits-all hurry and get this over with approach.

We have been struggling for five and a half years, but the rather complex rules we must all abide by, are new to us. The time line is oppressive. There needs to more flexibility in both the grouping and timeline, a greater sense of commonality to the groups.

If the DOE was able to show flexibility as it did in extending their meetings, surely our own State of New Hampshire can demonstrate flexibility.

In closing, my request is two-fold. Separate the large and growing group into North and South of the Wagoner Wood Lot, and extend the SEC hearings from 12-months to 24-months.

Respectfully Submitted,

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