

March 28, 2016
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Ms. Monroe:

With apology for what may be an informal response, I write to appeal the decision by the SEC to reject my petition for intervener status in the above named docket. In the rejection, it appears my petition was based upon my being a resource for determinations by the SEC, and not as one affected by the project. In my petition and in my response to the applicant's request for denial, I requested intervener status not only because of exposure to the project by some of my own holdings, but because of the impact of the project upon so many of my clients, present, past and prospective; and upon my community of Lancaster and the surrounding communities I serve all along the length of the line as it travels southward to the point where it goes underground. I mentioned my 42 years of service to the region, which has included nearly every part of it.

What I failed to adequately state is the effect of this line, especially if built above ground, on my own income and success as a real estate broker, a REALTOR who continues in service and will continue in service for an indeterminate period of time. The inability to sell so many properties throughout my market area, and the inability to sell others at anything but heavily discounted prices, impacts my ability and that of my associates to earn income which is contingent upon those sales. We have for five years now encountered properties which were impossible to market because of their exposure to the line regardless in many cases of distance, and others which could be sold only at discounts of up to 70% of true market value. It is not only the client who suffers under such circumstances, but the service providers such as myself who are trying to assist them.

One such current case in point involves the approximately 40 acre parcel on US Rt. 2 across from Roger's Campground in Lancaster where the committee viewed the line at the bottom of the hill where it crosses Rt. 2. The parcel there includes the 20 acre field within the tree lines and hedge rows in all directions, west, east and southeast, as well as woodlands beyond the field which include the existing transmission line to the east and southeast (where it turns to cross the highway). It also includes the field area behind the adjoining residential properties to the west, where some of the open land beyond the hedgerow is not in the easement and can be built upon. The current owners bought the land despite the easement because of that portion which can support a home and afford the truly exceptional views there, paying \$160,000 several years ago. They would now like to sell the property due to pending retirement and their changing needs and goals, but I am unable to get for them a return of their investment, let alone a return on their investment, and can only suggest a price that will result in a tremendous loss, well in excess of 50% of their gross investment without calculating carrying costs, if indeed it can sell at all. They sought my services this winter, and I simply cannot imagine a circumstance where true value can be realized unless the line is buried. This affects them, and it robs my business of significant income and opportunity as well. It is but one case among many, and a prime example of hardship that will not be compensated either for them or those of us who may seek to serve

them. This loss can be compounded throughout our market area, and may well affect my income to the extent of perhaps 25% of what would otherwise be available to me. If the line were buried, this would be reduced significantly, but even then would not disappear entirely as some properties may be affected even by burial.

I have but a few moments to write and express again my desire for intervener status, and regret any omission if I am not following proper form or protocol. I have copied the names to whom this should be circulated from other emails too numerous to review at this time, but all of which I hope to review as time allows. I have had little or no time since notice of rejection to address this, and do so now at the last possible moment in the hope for fair and proper acknowledgment of the way in which I will be affected. I respectfully request that I be able to advocate not only for my communities and my clients, but for myself and my business as this process unfolds.

Respectfully submitted,
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