Re: Request for Review of Out of Time Petition to Intervene

SEC Docket 2015-06 (Northern Pass)

Dear Ms. Monroe,

On February 4, 2016, I petitioned to intervene concerning two properties I own that would be adversely affected by Northern Pass: 1) 28 Academy Street, Unit #1, Franconia NH 03580; 2) 162 Loop Road, Easton NH 03580. The former abuts the Applicants’ proposed underground route along Rte. 116 in Franconia. The latter abuts the Applicants’ preferred, overhead route from 2010-2015, now the Alternate Route.

In its March 18, 2016 order on intervention, the SEC granted my petition related to 28 Academy Street, Franconia. It did not rule on my petition on the Eason property.

I am now reiterating my request to intervene on 162 Loop Road, Easton. I would expect to be placed in two groups.

On February 26, 2016, the Applicants filed their former preferred overhead project, which would cross my property on the PSNH ROW, as the Alternate Route. Attachment 1 to “Application Updates re: New Rules,” is titled “NPT Project Maps – Alternate Route. Preliminary Design. February 2016. Additional Information.” It is posted at Tab 261 on the SEC website page for the Northern Pass docket. Attachment 1 contains an updated map (dated February 2016) of the Alternate Route over my Easton property.

The Applicants state that they are submitting these updated, February 2016 maps as additional information on “the one alternate route that [they] considered technically available, although not preferred, but that is in reality not a viable alternative” (Cover letter, February 26, 2016, also at Tab 261). Given the ambiguity of this statement and lacking a legal guarantee that this route, which was the preferred route for five years, will not be revived as the preferred route at some point in this proceeding, I am petitioning to intervene in order to protect my affected property interests, as is my statutory right.

As I have described earlier, my Easton property consists of my residence and approximately 200 acres of forest land (Easton Tax Map 3-5, 3-15, 3-16, 3-16A). The PSNH X-187 transmission line runs across the western side of this property on an easement granted in 1947 by a predecessor.
in title (PSNH Property Owner ID 3715, 3716, Northern Pass Mapbooks 88 and 89). The PSNH easement on my land is 225’ wide (cleared to 150’) and approximately 2800’ long, or 0.53 mile, running from northwest to southeast, starting from an elevation of approximately 1500’ and dropping down to approximately 1200’.

The current structures on this easement are wooden H-frame supports approximately 50’ tall. These structures, shielded by tall white pines, create virtually no visual impact on my residence or upon the approximately 2 miles of recreational trails and other amenities we have created for us and our neighbors to enjoy the use of this property.

Lattice towers up to 120’ tall are proposed for my property on the Alternate Route. The visual consultant for the DOE-NHDHR Section 106 study, T. J. Boyle, created "Sketch Maps" showing leaf-on condition "zones of visual influence" (ZVI) within the "area of potential effect" (APE) along the full 187-mile length of the proposed project. In the area of my residence (#1145), the Boyle sketch map shows 21-40 (twenty-one to forty) towers visible (red zone) during leaf-on conditions – where no towers are currently visible year-round, leaf-on or leaf-off:

![Sketch Map J](http://media.northernpasseis.us/media/Part_2_of_8_White_Mountains_Draft_PAF_REDACTED.pdf) (Detail)
The Alternate Route would create undue adverse impact where none exists today on my residence and its sale value, on my enjoyment of the recreational amenities that I have developed on my land (trails, etc.), and on my ability to subdivide this land and clear lots with tower-free viewscapes.

As outlined above, my property interests are unique and substantial. To combine my interests with those of others would limit my procedural rights and would hinder my ability to protect my property effectively, as is my statutory right.

Thank you for reviewing my request to intervene on my Easton land, which abuts the Alternate Route.

Sincerely,

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