

Easton Conservation Commission

1060 Easton Valley Road

Easton, NH 03580

January 8, 2016

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

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“SEC”) Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass
Petition to Intervene

Dear Ms. Monroe:

We respectfully request to intervene in the SEC’s proceedings under Docket No. 2015-06 relating to the proposed Northern Pass transmission line. Per your email to me of November 23, 2015, we are sending this request to you, with copies to the SEC’s distribution list for this proceeding as noted in the “cc” to this email.

Our Commission has been engaged in review of the Northern Pass project since its public announcement. We have performed due diligence in thoroughly examining the following documents.

- Town of Easton Natural Resources Inventory (2012)
- Town of Easton Taking Action for Wildlife (2011)
- Town of Easton Master Plan (2010)
- Town of Easton Ordinances
- Town of Easton Public & Private Right of Way Easements
- Town of Easton Historical Documents
- Good Forestry in the Granite State (DRED, 2010)
- White Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (USDA, 2005)
- Northern Pass Visual Impact Assessment (Appalachian Mountain Club, 2012)
- A Hard Road to Travel (2004)

In July 2013, we requested a meeting with Northern Pass Transmission (NPT) to discuss potential impacts of the project on the Town. NPT responded with a commitment, dated August 15, 2013, to “meet with the Committee, well before the start of the Site Evaluation Committee process”. Despite our repeated subsequent requests, this meeting never took place, and our commission’s specific questions, submitted separately by mail, have never been adequately answered.

NPT team members and their retained consultants did meet in Easton on Monday November 9, at a Select Board meeting. The Northern Pass team was unable, or unwilling, to answer many key questions on the minds of the Select Board, Conservation Commission and concerned residents.

Based on these many unanswered questions, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important review.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy R. Stever, Chair

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