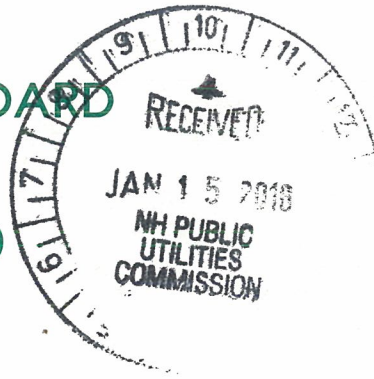


# FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD

Franconia, N. H. 03580



January 12, 2016

Public Utilities Commission  
Martin Honigberg, Chairman  
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD PETITION TO BE NAMED AS INTERVENOR

On Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Franconia Planning Board voted unanimously to file a petition to intervene in the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) docket on Northern Pass in order to have formal legal standing to participate in the SEC adjudicative process.

We understand that one statutory finding that the SEC must make in reaching a decision is that the proposed project "will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of municipal and regional planning commissions and municipal governing bodies."

The Northern Pass buried power line, as currently proposed, will go through a number of the Town's major streets and state roadways. The Planning Board is concerned with the effect the Northern Pass will have on businesses and private properties along the proposed pass during the construction and thereafter.

Therefore, the Franconia Planning Board requests that it be named as an intervenor in this matter, including the right to review all evidence presented in this matter and the right to examine and cross examine witnesses.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thaddeus D. Presby".

Thaddeus D. Presby

Chair of Franconia Planning Board