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

Re: Northern Pass Transmission - Eversource  
SEC Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

We hereby petition the State of New Hampshire's Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) to grant us full intervention status in the proceedings for the above-mentioned docket as our particular rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other substantial interests may be affected by the SEC's Northern Pass proceedings for the following reasons:

1. Our property in New Hampton would be affected as an area of potential visual impact as defined by the Site 100 and Site 201-204 Organizational Rules and Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the SEC on December 15, 2015. The proposed route sites 10 new towers in the Town of Hill: towers DC 1206 – DC 1215. These are shown on the applicant's map on the web page [http://www.northernpass.us/assets/mile-maps/SHEET\\_137.pdf](http://www.northernpass.us/assets/mile-maps/SHEET_137.pdf). Our New Hampton property is that located in the top middle of the map showing an angular pasture between the labels "New Hampton" and "Sanbornton". It is just across the Pemmigewasset River from the proposed line. Our house is less than 100 yards off the top middle of the map. Its view is directed west, upon the proposed lines. The towers are designed to a height of from 70 to 95 feet. Thirty percent of these towers are 95 feet tall, sixty percent are 85 feet or more tall, all above the tree-tops. Because the Pemmigewasset is in the valley between our house and the slope of the hills on the west side of the river, up to all ten towers will be visible from our residence. They will mar the view from our house over the valley, devaluing our property by aesthetic desecration of our vista.

2. Additionally, neighbors, guests and we would have to encounter the project's towers and lines from all approaches to our house: a) lines that cross Coolidge Woods Road in New Hampton, having towers DC 1200 and DC 1201 visible from that road (see web page [http://www.northernpass.us/assets/mile-maps/SHEET\\_136.pdf](http://www.northernpass.us/assets/mile-maps/SHEET_136.pdf)) and b) lines and towers in New Hampton and Bristol, visible across the Pemmigewasset River from Old

Bristol Road and Blake Hill Road ( see maps numbers 131, 132 and 133, potentially 18 towers – DC 1156 - DC 1174).

3. Our property would be subject to possible adverse economic consequences by location in a town with a concentration of towers. New Hampton would be known as having an abundance of unsightly towers and lines: 74 towers and their lines within its borders and at least an additional 28 towers and their lines visible from within its borders (towers DC 1114 – DC 1205 and DC 1206 – DC 1215). That is a total of over 100 structures detracting from our visual enjoyment.

Viewing these lines and towers from our property would negatively affect our quality of life daily, as we purchased our farm primarily for its vistas and escape from the reminders of an industrial world.

Viewing these lines and towers on daily walks diminishes enjoyment of this recreation.

Viewing the approach to our farm on roads that lines cross and from which towers are prominently visible detracts from daily enjoyment of our surroundings by neighbors, guests and ourselves.

Living in a town known to have a concentration of towers and lines will likely negatively impact the value of our property.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisha Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: SEC distribution list by email (as of the date of this letter) for Docket No. 2015-06.