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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 033012429

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC")
Docket No. 201506 Northern Pass

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 the SEC's regulations, we are sending this request to you, with copies to the SEC's distribution list for this proceeding as noted in the "cc" below.

The Northern Pass transmission line will negatively affect our home and property, our livelihood, and our quality of life in ways that will be irreparable. In this petition you will find that our unique situation distinguishes us from members of the general public, and should entitle us to intervenor status in the SEC's Northern Pass proceedings.

1. Property Value and Use. We own property in Whitefield, NH and our home is located approximately 1,000 feet from the existing power lines, where this HVDC line is proposed to be erected. Based on our review, we believe the new transmission line will be visible from our home and land and will do damage to the aesthetics of the neighborhood in which we are located. The construction of Northern Pass' new power lines would diminish our property marketability, home value, and the enjoyment and everyday use of our land and location. As property owners living in close proximity to the proposed route we are requesting the status of intervenor.
2. Community Concerts. We are sponsored each summer by the town of Whitefield to host the Un-Common Concert Series, a weekly program held on the Whitefield Common. In a town that has lost much of its economic appeal, many residents say this series is one of our greatest assets. In the seven years since we began performances, a sense of community has once again been established, and visitors traveling from other towns and areas bring economic benefit back to the town of Whitefield. In 2015 we were featured on the popular state-wide television program New Hampshire Chronicle for being a wonderful representation of community in the North Country. We are very proud of the success we have achieved with these concerts. Our beautiful and quaint Whitefield Common is what people love most about our town and our music series, as well as the enjoyment of taking a beautiful summer drive to attend an outdoor concert.

In our assessment of Northern Pass' proposed route, we believe the project would damage the appeal and attendance of our concert series. These enormous power lines would cross Routes 3 and 142 each within a mile north of our village, Route 116 approximately 2 miles east of the village, and scar the breath-taking views from Burns Lake and Route 3 just west and south of the village, damaging the aesthetics of driving into Whitefield from any and all directions. With above-ground lines stretching over more than 10 miles of our town, with four points of entry and exit, and crossing over three major roadways, Whitefield would have the most overhead lines and the second-most mileage of any town on the route. Our audiences would not be able to enter Whitefield from any direction without viewing these towers or driving directly under these lines. This would be a true detriment to the pleasure of those attending our concerts, and we fear this will diminish attendance and cause injury to our accomplishments for the town. We are therefore requesting intervenor status on grounds of holding a special interest in the betterment of our community.

3. Quality of Life – Whitefield Particularly Damaged. In order to achieve our daily tasks of shopping, work, and recreation, we must regularly travel into the towns of Littleton, Lancaster, Jefferson, Carroll and Dalton, some on a daily basis. In analyzing how Northern Pass' route would affect our quality of life, we believe this project would do greater harm to us in Whitefield than to residents of other communities. As stated in the previous paragraph, Northern Pass' proposed route would cut across the roadways – and views from roadways – in every single direction we must travel. We would be forced to drive under these monstrous man-made objects many times per day and look upon these scars in some of the most beautiful locations and views in our town. How sad and depressed we will feel to be living amongst these power lines! The psychological impact alone is enough to cause damage to our quality of life. We believe we should be entitled to intervenor status because our everyday existence would be greatly imposed upon.
4. Noise and Damage. With our property being located in close proximity to Northern Pass' proposed route, we are concerned about noise and damage that would take place during the construction period of the project and during future maintenance of the lines. With construction taking place just north of our home on Elm Street, we would anticipate loud trucks and heavy machinery passing by our house many times throughout the day, and potentially causing damage to our road in the process. We also expect there to be quite a lot of noise associated with the actual constructing of the towers. We enjoy our quiet location and have chosen to stay here because of its peaceful environment; the erection of this new, massive power line would inhibit the daily enjoyment of our land during this building period. We cannot stand the thought of having to listen to the creation of this new power line, all the while knowing the harm it will cause to us and our community once built. It just makes us sick. We should not be forced to endure this compromise to our quality of life in the short term, for the construction of towers which will damage our quality of life in the long term. From day one we will be greatly imposed upon – and what's worse is it will never end. The noise and damage is not short-lived, for there will be added use to our road and noise during maintenance of the lines for the entire lifespan of the project. Just as Northern Pass is considered unnecessary for the greater good, we feel that these negative impacts are unnecessary burdens to put on those living near the route. As intervenors we look to present these concerns to the SEC.
5. Discrimination Against Economically Depressed. Lastly, we request to intervene on grounds that we are being discriminated against by Northern Pass. We question why Northern Pass has designed a route which leaves New Hampshire's most economically depressed county (Coos) almost entirely above

ground, while wealthier areas are now proposed to be under ground. We believe that our property value and quality of life is just as important as those residing in other areas, and should be treated as such. With the negative impact this project would have on our economy, Northern Pass should rightfully place even greater importance on Coos, as we are already in a delicate economic situation and would be further ruined by such a project. Thousands of concerned residents from Coos, including Whitefield, have voiced anxieties regarding the many negative effects this project (specifically towers) would have on them, and still the applicant has chosen to propose above-ground lines in these areas. We believe Northern Pass has intentionally chosen overhead lines in towns that have little means to defend themselves politically or legally. In our assessment this is discrimination against the economically depressed, and we are personally offended by this notion. Northern Pass has stated it is economically unfeasible for them to bury the entire project; on the contrary, we believe it is economically unfeasible for us if they do not. We intend to explore this as intervenors in the SEC process.

The reasons presented are proof of our unique situation regarding Northern Pass. We respectfully request intervenor status as property owners living in close proximity to the power lines; as residents holding a special interest in the success of our community; and as residents of a town that is being unfairly neglected by a powerful corporation. These interests are direct and substantial, and clearly distinct from those of the general public. As New Hampshire law recognizes every property as unique and distinct, so we respectfully request to be considered as such. We look to defend our property and our town from the erection of this overhead power line called Northern Pass.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,

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Cc: SEC distribution list of Docket No. 2015-06. Copies sent by email.