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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") <u>Docket No. 201506 Northern Pass</u>

Dear Ms. Monroe:

As a property owner living in close proximity to the power lines, I respectfully request the right 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 I am sending this request to you, with copies to the SEC's distribution list for this proceeding as noted in the "cc" below.

My unique situation distinguishes me from members of the general public. As you will find, the SEC's Northern Pass proceedings will affect my home, property, family, and the enjoyment of my everyday life in a much greater manner than that the average person.

The home and property I own in Whitefield, NH is located approximately 1000 feet from the existing power lines, where Northern Pass is proposing to build their new HVDC line. In my assessment of Northern Pass' route in relation to my location, I believe the new transmission line will be visible from my home and property and will certainly be a detriment to the appearance of my neighborhood. The construction of these enormous towers would damage my home value, diminish the marketability of my property, and create a major disturbance in my everyday life.

I have lived on Elm Street for 36 years, and have worked very hard to keep up the value of my home and property. It is where I decided to raise my family, and my younger son has now chosen to stay here to start his family in the home that he was born and raised in. This land and location is my legacy to pass on to my children and their children. The history and heritage of this land is of great importance to me, and having these enormous high tension power lines in such close proximity will be an unbearable injury to all I have worked for.

A significant part of my property's heritage is keeping its environment at one with Nature. To think that I should sacrifice my natural environment and surroundings in order to bear the burden of fulfilling the greed of others is unacceptable to me. My woods and surrounding area contain an extremely diverse population of wildlife that has used this land as their home for generations. Noise pollution and damage to the environment during the building of this project and for the ongoing upkeep of the lines will not

only diminish the peace and quiet I enjoy on Elm Street, but will disrupt my wildlife and its habitats. Being that this wildlife has no voice and will not be allowed to speak during these hearings I feel it is my place to represent them, as well as myself, in the upcoming proceedings.

It makes me sick to think of the consequences Northern Pass will have on me, living so close to this new power line. In order to live my life I will be forced to drive underneath, and look upon, these disgusting transmission lines everywhere in the town of Whitefield. Every time I pull in or out of my driveway I will be exposed to these lines. And not only there, but everywhere I go in the daily living of my life. I will even have to drive underneath and alongside the new line when traveling to and from work at Forest Lake State Park, which brings up another issue for me. The welfare and attractiveness of this park to tourists and visitors is of great concern, as my livelihood depends on it. I am disgusted by the thought of these ugly above-ground power lines, and am certain that guests to our park will be as well. In short, I will be totally surrounded by high tension power lines at home, at work, and just in the everyday living of the life I currently enjoy in Whitefield. This project would be a major burden to me so I believe I should have a voice as an intervener.

I didn't sign up for this when I moved here 36 years ago, and wouldn't have chosen this location in the first place with high tension lines so close to my land. Even if I wanted to move now, I don't believe I would get the price that the property was worth before Northern Pass was proposed to come through. I am being heavily put upon by this corporation. To have my property value damaged, my town's natural beauty destroyed, my animals' habitats disturbed, and my way of life robbed from me makes me just sick and totally disgusted. For me, having Northern Pass so close by would truly be a <u>Nightmare On Elm</u> <u>Street.</u>

As proven, my situation regarding Northern Pass is unique and my reasons are substantial and direct, distinctive from those of the general public. It is on these grounds I request to intervene in the SEC's Northern Pass proceedings as this process moves forward.

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.