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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. Our New Hampton property is located immediately above and is contiguous with the property of Nina and Elisha Gray that is shown located in the top middle of the map showing an angular pasture between the labels "New Hampton" and "Sanbornton". We are also just across the Pemmigewasset River from the proposed line. Our house is about a mile and a half to the east and 400 foot higher than the Gray's property, and we look down in a westward direction directly upon the proposed line. From our property we have a beautiful expansive vista. 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 and all above the tree-tops. Because the Pemmigewasset is in the valley below our house and the slope of the hills rises on the west side of the river, up to all ten towers will be visible from our residence. We believe 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 <u>all</u> 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) 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 every point on our property would negatively affect our quality of life. We purchased our property for the beautiful unspoiled views to the west. This would be ruined by the high unsightly towers that are proposed. We would see them on a daily basis and they would diminish our enjoyment of being there.

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

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

We would like to add that all utility lines on our property are buried. If Northern Pass agrees to bury the line in its entirety, and in particular, from our perspective, in the towns of New Hampton and Hill, we would then support them in transmitting renewable hydro-energy to New England.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Yours truly,

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