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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:

As a property owner that lives a mere approximated 400 feet from the route of the proposed Northern Pass Transmission Line in Whitefield, New Hampshire, I am requesting 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.

Let it be known that I am vehemently opposed to this very selfish project. It is selfish because it will benefit a select few with no regard for the irreparable damages it will do to thousands, myself included. Below I will list reasons for my opposition, proving my situation to be unique and distinct from the general public. I believe these direct and substantial grounds make me eligible to be an intervenor in the SEC’s upcoming Northern Pass proceedings.

1. From an economic standpoint there is no doubt in my mind that the value of my home and property will be severely, negatively, and permanently impacted. The enormous new power line will be obviously visible from my house, from every single window facing north, from nearly every spot in my yard, and every time I drive in or out of my driveway or anywhere near my house. There will be no ignoring the towers – they will be unavoidable eyesores! I will never get back the value of my home and property, and this is an unfair and unacceptable loss for me. What benefit will I gain from these burdens? Will I be reimbursed for the loss of value on my greatest investment? Who will compensate me for my losses? Northern Pass cronies? I think not.
2. Aesthetically, I am blessed each and every morning as I look out and gaze upon the beauty and wonder of Dalton Mountain. The pine trees that stand between me and the existing line are tall enough that they block the current poles and still allow me to take in the beauty of my mountainous views. The new structures will be double (or more than double) the height of the current poles, towering over the trees that keep the power line out of my view. If these up-to-120-foot monstrosities are allowed to be built, this enriching portion of my Human condition will be destroyed for the rest of my days. Having to stare at these 120 foot monstrosities every day is unacceptable.

3. From a health stand point, studies have been done – and are still being done – that indicate these high tension lines create and emit what is called Electric Magnetic Fields (EMF). These fields may be linked to certain types of cancers (including childhood leukemia), neurological diseases, and other terrible health conditions in residents living near the lines. I live so close to these power lines that whatever the findings, I don't want to take the risk of becoming a dead statistic of a huge corporation's selfish endeavors.

The viability of a project of this magnitude should be determined BY THE PEOPLE most affected by its ramifications. We call it democracy in action. In our democratic society it is THE PEOPLE that should be responsible for these types of important decisions, not a small group of oligarchic, selfish, profiteering moguls. This is why I am requesting to be given intervenor status, as I am one of THE PEOPLE who will be MOST affected by the outcome of this poorly planned business venture.

For good or bad, the final decision on the Northern Pass Transmission Line will affect the pursuit of happiness for all of us.

Good luck to all of us.

Thank you,

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