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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC")
Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe:

As abutters to the proposed route of the Northern Pass Transmission Line, 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.

We have both lived in Whitefield since we were children. Charlie's father bought this land over 50 years ago and we purchased our portion of it when we got married in the 1970's. We built our home and have lived here ever since. We love our home. It is our legacy to pass down to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Now we face the Northern Pass, a for-profit corporation who proposes to erect up-to-120-foot towers right next to our house. In our approximation, these towers will easily be within 100 yards of our home. We have very little tree buffer, and we can already see some of the lines now depending on the season. But the new towers will be at least twice the height of the current poles, and you just won't be able to miss them once they are built. You wouldn't believe how close our house is to these power lines! The existing line runs right along the edge of our property. We would even have to drive under the new massive above-ground lines multiple times a day just to go to town, as the existing line crosses Route 116 right at the end of our driveway. In fact, our driveway is actually located in the right of way, and we are wondering if they will put these lines over our driveway. With all of this in mind, we have many more concerns that we will elaborate on.

It goes without saying that Northern Pass will do irreparable damage to the value of our home and property, and severely diminish the everyday enjoyment and use of our land. Although our current intention isn't to sell our land, do we want to pass a home on to our children that has been so greatly depreciated? This is a family property. We bought this land from Charlie's father, built this home for our family, raised our children and grandchildren here, and want to see it continue for future generations. And we are sure this isn't what his father would have wanted to see. There is heritage here, which is worth more to us than any amount of money Northern Pass might save by putting these lines overhead. This

home is our legacy and our greatest investment. Should our children have a diminished value to this property, in order to enhance Northern Pass' profit margin by not burying their lines, as they have proposed to do for our neighbors to the south? What we're talking about is a profit margin for a business venture, and frankly that is not our concern.

Currently when we look out our front window we enjoy the view of Mount Washington. The existing poles are short enough that they do not block our view. However, with the proposed height of Northern Pass' new towers, in the future we would be looking THROUGH power lines at Mount Washington. In fact, when we built this house we even spent the extra money to bury our own service line just so we wouldn't have to look at the wire! Why should we have to look at Northern Pass just to enhance their profit margin?

There are other anxieties we have that are specific to our situation. One concern is a pair of osprey that have had a nest on the existing power line right near our house for at least the last three or four years. (It may be longer, we are not sure.) Our question is: how much concern will Northern Pass show for these osprey and other wildlife in our area? As intervenors we also want to explore what the health risks are of living in close proximity to high tension power lines. We are aware that studies have been done which indicate links to cancers and other negative health effects. These are a concern if we are to pass this land on to our children.

Once Northern Pass agreed to bury part of their route, they opened up a really big can of worms. What makes the properties in Grafton worth more than ours? What makes their homes more valuable? Why should we take the hit for the profit of this corporation? It is not our problem if it is not financially feasible for Northern Pass to bury their lines. Their profit margin is not our concern – our property is. Burying in some locations and not others creates a “winners and losers” game. It's unfair and it's not right. If they can't do this project the right way and make this business venture worthwhile, then they shouldn't be allowed to go forward with it.

Respectfully,

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