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**Subject:** Northern Pass Intervenor Request

Dear Pamela,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on the proposed Northern pass power line expansion. I am requesting to be an intervenor as the project bisects my land, dividing it's 21+ acres in half.

I have four concerns about the proposed project:

- **Economic-** The expansion has lowered the value of my property. It is currently on the market and the price my realtor recommended is 25% lower than I might have asked if not for the looming possibility of the project. Half of the prospective buyers who have toured the property have rejected it because of the Northern Pass. I had plans to create view lots very near to Mirror lake, using the forest and slope of the land to conceal the current power lines but that will be impossible with the much taller towers proposed.
- **Ecological-** I have seen the good sense in green energy, and invested in geothermal heat in my house five years ago. The payback time was estimated at 15 years, but it is already paid for after 5 years in the savings I enjoy over the old oil fired furnace and I am much more comfortable. I have recently purchased an electric car and plan to install solar panels and Tesla Power wall batteries to give me energy independence. It is the right thing to do and gives me and the planet a better future. Had the effort and funds used to promote this old electric generation technology been applied to encouraging new energy saving technology, our planet would be enjoying a reduction in pollution. It makes no sense to push a "cheaper" energy agenda when it is neither cheap, economically nor ecologically reasonable with better alternatives like solar and wind available.
- **Aesthetic-** No one ever said "Lets go out and watch the sun set over the power lines" To increase the presence of the power lines by raising the height will mar the view from so many places in town including my home. Having worked hard to acquire my peaceful and beautiful place for retirement, I now find I must sell up (at a loss) and move away.
- **Community** -Had the plan been to bury the new (and old) power lines from the start, more people would have supported the project. An economic and aesthetic benefit to such a plan would have been apparent. By agreeing to bury the power lines in a more prosperous area (Franconia) a precedent is set. Do the right thing and bury the lines in Whitefield and the rest of the route as well.

Sincerely,

Mary Boone Wellington