

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

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I respectfully request to intervene in the SEC's proceedings under Docket No. 2015-06 and pursuant to the New Hampshire Code of Administrative rules, Site 202.11 and RSA 541-A:32, relating to the Northern Pass transmission line. Per the SEC's regulations, I am sending this request to you, with copies of the SEC's distribution list for this proceeding as noted in the "cc" below.

My particular rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests that may be affected by the SEC's Northern Pass proceedings include the following:

I have lived in Franconia and Easton for 68 years, I spent a lot of that time excavating for wells, waterlines and septic systems in Easton Valley. I have found boulders as big as cars, clay that runs through your hands when you hold it but the most serious problem is water. It lies in the valley, sometimes at ground level, sometimes down a couple feet sometimes more. The issue is that the Easton Valley Watershed collects a huge amount of water during the spring run-off and spring and summer rains. The result is the water table varies a lot and there are several swampy areas with high water levels. The old timers dealt with it by building "corduroy" roads consisting of large tamarack logs laid side by side and perpendicular to the road bed. This was topped with enough gravel to keep the roadbed dry. Over the years, more gravel and layers of asphalt were added that did a marginal job of stabilizing the road but the surface still heaved and cracked with the frost. During the past summer route 116 was paved from route 112 to Franconia Main street. The worst part, closest to Franconia, and also the longest and most troublesome section of "corduroy" road was paved with six to more than twelve inches of asphalt which helped a lot. If these roads are disturbed it will be disastrous and costly.

My electricity is supplied by high voltage lines through a right-of-way that bisects my five and a half acre lot in my back yard. I have been concerned for over forty-five years about the proximity of those lines to my house. Now the plan is to install a line that supplies 700 times as much power, in my front yard? My property abuts the Northern Pass intended route on both sides of Route 116 at 1544 and 1549, Easton Valley Road in Easton, NH. Owning both sides of the road means that the land in the right-of-way belongs to me, including the land under the road. The State of New Hampshire and Verizon have a right-of-way to use my property.

Northern Pass, proposes to use Chapter 231 of the DOT Utility Accommodation Manual as justification for burying its 1050 megawatt HVDC transmission line under the road surface of route 112 in Easton and route 116 in Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill, etc. The title of Chapter 231 is CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGE DISTRICT HIGHWAYS, subtitled Lines of Telegraph and Other Companies. Chapter 231:159 says that "the provisions of this subdivision apply to all cities and towns" I think it applies only to towns and

cities. Chapter 231:160 says that power poles and underground conduits and cables may be erected or installed in any public highway and proper wires and cables may be supported on poles (and) carried across or placed under any such highway by any person, co-partnership or corporation as provided in this subdivision and not otherwise.

It is clear to me that Chapter 231 does not support the use that Northern Pass, a Limited Liability Corporation and not a public utility, intends to put it. In my opinion, to allow this to happen would be criminal and that anyone who supports it would share that charge.

Sincerely,

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