

February 2, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
NHSEC
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Petition to Intervene in NHSEC Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I respectfully request to intervene in the upcoming NHSEC proceedings under Docket No. 2015-06. My rights, duties, privileges, immunities, and other substantial interests will be affected by this proceeding in numerous ways including but not limited by the following:

I am an abutter and taxpayer in the Town of Easton, NH and a resident and taxpayer in the Town of Deerfield, NH.

I have a substantial interest in the Bungay Corner of Easton, NH. It would appear that the construction would utilize an existing gravel pit area for a major construction yard. Access to this area would be within close proximity to my home. I am also concerned that the construction of the buried lines could greatly contaminate the aquifer and impact the watershed in this area as well as drain critical watershed and vernal areas. This area is part of the watershed for the supply of water to the town of Woodsville, NH. I have other environmental concerns as well as concerns of the negative impacts of the construction methods to be employed through the entire Kinsman Notch area.

In Deerfield, the impact of the new 345 kv section is "forever". The visual impact will not just affect the abutters but all of the residents and nonresidents that travel daily through the Town. The build out of the terminus distribution facility further degrades the scenic roadways and views here. Nearby Bear Brook Park was not intended to be a transmission line corridor. The raised height of the towers and double bundled phases is not in keeping with the bucolic character of the town. The historic center of Deerfield as well as the Parade will be devastated aesthetically. I further am concerned for NH endangered species in Deerfield and adjacent surrounding towns. I question the burden placed on existing and future EMS services to respond to transmission line failures and accidents at all locales both during and post construction.

The construction process of the 345 kv NH route of Northern pass is poorly planned. I have reviewed many aspects of this. I am a 47 year veteran of the construction industry, having extensive knowledge of large scale underground utility projects, interstate highways and road construction, boring and tunneling, construction of tower foundations, overhead utilities, buildings, and construction of transmission lines across the US. I have acted in the capacities of superintendent and project manager on transmission lines up to 765 kv. I know the construction process and feel that I can uniquely and in an unbiased manner assist the SEC committee with my hands on experience in this work that will affect all of the residents of NH.

Allowing this intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings and would help to serve the interests of justice. No other entities could articulate my interests and concerns in the proceedings for this docket as well as I could. When Eversource and their experts were asked by this person at a meeting in Deerfield if anyone seated at the head table had ever actually built a 345kv transmission line, no one was able to respond in the affirmative. Therefore, I hope that my right to intervene is granted at these hearings.

Very Truly Yours,

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