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Subject: Petition to Intervene, SEC Docket No. 2015-06  
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Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 10:23 PM  
Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation  
Committee ("SEC") Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass Petition to Intervene

Dear Ms. Monroe:

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 "cc" below.

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

Our personal residence, which is located at 1049 Whitefield Road, Dalton, NH, abuts the existing power line right of way. This right of way is the proposed path for the new transmission lines, which will be directly next to our house. The new towers will be on the side of the existing right of way, closest to our home, with a 120' tower next to our house. Our house is approximately 100' from the existing power lines. Should a storm ever blow this proposed tower over, it could potentially hit our house. This tower will definitely be an eyesore to look at, and would impact our homes value.

We tried to sell our house from 2010 to 2012, and were required to have a disclosure statement in our real estate listing, stating that the proposed Northern Pass route would be next to our property. We had many interested buyers, but all were scared off by the possibility of the proposed power line. We listed our house \$25,000 below our realtors evaluation, and they showed it more than any other listing, but all prospective buyers walked away without a single offer. Dalton did a reevaluation of the town for tax purposes in August 2013 and our homes value dropped \$45,200 as a result.

We are close to retirement age, and would like to sell and move to a warmer climate, but our house is not marketable because of the proposed power line project. As most people do, we work all our lives to own our home, which is our largest asset for retirement. We have lived under the threat of Northern Pass for several years now, and have watched our homes value continue to depreciate.

Another concern we have regarding the transmission line towers next to our property is the potential health and safety hazards we will encounter. We realize that there are differing opinions regarding potential EMF's from the high tension power lines. But, there is enough agreement on the danger of being close to towers that most states will not allow them near schools, as there is evidence of causing cancer in adolescents. I have not met a single person that would want a 120' transmission tower 100' from their house.

All the studies I read suggest a safe distance of 300' to 500' from transmission towers.

Our final concern is that my wife suffers from multiple sclerosis, autonomic dysfunction, and dysautonomia. There are many studies which warn of the dangers of EMF's to the health of people with autoimmune diseases. As most people know, the worst thing for those who suffer from MS, is unnecessary stress. The multiple concerns that we have listed are a constant source of stress, and have caused severe hardship for our family.

In conclusion, we have been burdened to the point of discouragement from the ongoing threat of the potential transmission towers going next to our home. Year after year, and meeting after meeting the majority of residents come out and speak against this project. Somehow, the Northern Pass project keeps coming back as if no one was ever in opposition to it. We want to go on record to state that we do not want towers next to our house, and the only way we would accept this proposed project is if the power line is buried next to our house. It appears that the consensus of all the people that attend these meetings is "complete burial of the entire line."

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,

James and Judy Ramsdell

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