

Sugar Hill Historical Museum



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Petition to Intervene, SEC Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum respectfully requests 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.

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

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum has substantial interests that may be affected by the Northern Pass transmission project. These include the project's impact on above and below ground historical and cultural resources, which the Museum is dedicated to identifying, preserving and protecting.

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum's stated purpose is "to be an educational resource for the public through research, study, collection, preservation and exhibition of artifacts that illustrate the history of our community." The museum was formed in 1976 to become the central repository and explicator of the town's history, and today it houses primary records of local businesses, residents, town decisions, and settlement patterns. As such, it is the primary resource for the identification, preservation and protection of historical and cultural resources for the town. The museum enables research and publishes materials related to the town's history, and it collaborates with neighboring towns and historical organizations to document and interpret the regional heritage. It has children's programs, offers special exhibitions and activities during the summer, and maintains a research library.

Our purpose is to be an educational resource for the public through research, study, collection, preservation and exhibition of artifacts that illustrate the history of our community.

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum reflects an important aspect of the town's culture, namely the commitment of permanent residents and second-home owners to preserve and respect the town's history as embodied within its historical buildings, sites, and its historic and cultural landscapes.

The Museum possesses the expertise necessary to evaluate the impact of the Northern Pass transmission project on the historical and cultural resources of the town of Sugar Hill, through which it passes, and we view this as a duty in keeping with our purpose and mission as well as a right in keeping with our public responsibilities to the town and its citizens.

Given that individual towns do not exist in isolation, but are in fact intimately connected with one another through their shared historical and cultural context, the Museum further asserts its duty and right to assess effects of the Northern Pass transmission project from a regional standpoint. The unique history of northern New Hampshire is one fabric and is shared by the many towns in Coos and Grafton Counties.

Further, the Museum seeks to participate as an Intervenor in the SEC Northern Pass transmission project permitting process because its expertise and knowledge would serve the interests of justice, per the provisions of RSA 541-A:32 II:

"II. The presiding officer may grant one or more petitions for intervention at any time, upon determining that such intervention would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings. "

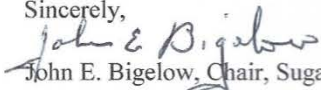
The Museum has the following concerns regarding the Northern Pass Transmission Project:

- (a) Impact on preserved historical and cultural landscapes in the town of Sugar Hill
- (b) Impact on archeological deposits in the town of Sugar Hill
- (c) Impact on historic properties in the town of Sugar Hill
- (d) Impact on historic districts in the town of Sugar Hill
- (e) Impact on preserved historical and cultural landscapes of Grafton and Coos Counties
- (f) Impact on archeological deposits in Grafton and Coos Counties
- (g) Impact on historic properties in Grafton and Coos Counties
- (h) Impact on historic districts in Grafton and Coos Counties.

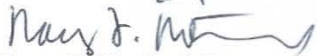
For these reasons, the Sugar Hill Historical Museum respectfully requests the NH SEC to grant it Intervenor status, in recognition of the Museum's particular rights, duties and privileges, as well as its unique ability to illuminate the decision-making process.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,



John E. Bigelow, Chair, Sugar Hill Historical Museum Board of Trustees



Nancy F. Martland, Trustee

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