

**Petition to Intervene** February 4, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301 - 2429

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
Docket No. 2015 – 06 Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I respectfully request to intervene in the SEC's proceedings under Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass.

My interest in this project is twofold. My homestead consists of a house and outbuildings on 10.7 acres of land in Bethlehem about a mile North of US Rte 302. This property abuts a 44-acre lot, which is bisected by a transmission line right of way cited as the proposed route. As we look to the West, the view is of trees and sky. If the project is built as proposed, the taller poles and lines will rise well above the trees. This would change a bucolic, rural setting into an industrial landscape.

The other piece of this is that I have a contract to purchase that lot adjacent to our home, that hosts the right of way. The closing is set to take place on or before Feb 12, 2016. Replacing the existing wooden poles with much larger, higher towers would also have a dramatic effect on this property.

I have a few concerns:

- > The view from our home is essential to the character and appeal of the property, and degrading it would result in a loss of property value and quality of life. My family has made a substantial investment in this property, and we aim to protect it.
- > EMF radiation from large power lines has been cited as a source of health problems. We embrace an active outdoor lifestyle, partly for our own enjoyment, and also for our health. The possibility that spending time outdoors at our own home would expose us to harmful radiation is unacceptable.
- > I do not believe that the developer has the right to make these significant alterations under the terms of the existing right of way. Should a dispute arise over this, I am pretty sure that the SEC does not have the authority to resolve it.

My interest as a property owner is direct and substantial and distinct from the interests of the public at large, and I look forward to following the SEC process closely.

Sincerely,

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