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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 033012429

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC")
Docket No. 201506 Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I 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 the "cc" below.

I, Gerald D. Roy and my wife Vivian M. Roy, along with our son, own 5.3 acres at 178 Forest Lake Road in Whitefield, N.H. (Map#244 Lot #40). I have attended multiple Northern Pass hearings and meetings at the Mountain View Grand Hotel at which I regrettably said nothing, but should have. Now I have a chance to be heard and I am requesting to have my voice considered in the upcoming SEC proceedings regarding the Northern Pass. As a property owner who lives very close to the lines, this project will negatively affect me and my neighborhood.

"How does this affect Me?"

We live one lot away from an existing ROW(right of way) owned by Eversource, through which they intend to erect enormous above-ground high tension power lines. That is approximately 200 feet from my property line. The existing 40 foot wooden poles I can live with, but to replace with 90 plus foot steel towers would be a **very** unwanted sight when I look in that direction across the dirt road at my neighbor to the east, behind the trees that border their property and the power line. The existing poles are below tree line, and therefore hidden. I can not see them from my house. I believe I will easily be seeing the new lines once they are built and it is for this reason that I am concerned.

I am originally from Berlin N.H., about a forty minute drive away, the only city in New Hampshire's sparsely populated northern most county of COOS. Most of my childhood I lived elsewhere, my father being in the military, then my own time in the service. I always knew where I wanted to settle - "In God's country".

I returned to Berlin and worked in the local paper mill from 1973- 1992 when I moved to Whitefield and commuted till medical early retirement in 2006. I didn't return back to this area to see steel towers; could have done that most any place. Many people have done the same, chose to spend the remainder of their time on this earth here for the same reasons. There are many proud transplants, who love this place just as much as natives. So I do have ties with the city of Berlin, they no doubt need the service Eversource can offer as the whole area would. I totally agree with the necessity of the clean power, needed to replace out going sources of power.

The beautiful state of N.H. will carry the unsightly scar on our landscape, thus turning away our staple source of state income, tourism. Times change, so do the types of jobs. Paper mills are closing, manufacturing isn't what it used to be. Shoes, textiles, everything's gone. Things are different. If New Hampshire stays beautiful so will the source of tourism and the income generated

by tourism. We can't lose that asset - natural beauty, the one thing that draws people here. We can't lose this - that's our **ace in the hole**. We **shouldn't** have to lose all of this for the greed and profits of a non caring large company, and many people to have electric power not knowing or caring about any grief or sacrifices it's caused. The entire state of New Hampshire will get only 10% of the power passing through that ugly scar, but will take 100% of the unsightly impact that will depreciate our land values. I feel like the Native American Indians being robbed of our land for the need and greed of others. **"Let's keep the natives happy, then everyone can be happy"**. The people from "all over the state" that were polled and asked their thoughts about the burial of the entire line, should not have had any bearing on the matter, as they don't **live here nor care**. They are not from here and will not be the ones taking the beating from this company and this project's aftereffect. It's not going to depreciate anyone's property in the southern part of the state - we are the ones. They as many other N.H. residents think they will save big bucks on their light bill. I read someplace maybe \$10.00 a month. **WOW!** Sign me up. Even the city of Berlin 30 miles away is OK with it, not if these towers were in their tight valley. It doesn't even go through their city! It's not within view of their town hall, which it will be in Whitefield and lots of other towns. I don't think they would want it if it was going through there.

Many families for generations have vacationed, or summered up here in their youth, from down where this power is going, have taken numerous wonderful photos in the past. Now there may be a massive power line in the background, not so great any more. My wife is an artist who can paint that picture, and omit those lines, no camera can do that. We have three children who live in the Berlin/Gorham area who would love to have our property **as is**. Maybe not if Eversource gets its way this 5 plus acres, now worth \$125,000.00. Won't be worth enough for each person to purchase and put a port-a-potty on 50x50 plot of land up here.

This area fighting to bury the entire line, is like 1/3 of the state's area.

The most scenic.

The most unemployed.

The least populated.

The most to lose, least to gain.

The smallest ratio of voters to vote on any state matters esp. concerning yourselves.

We have no voice, Please speak for us

"Live Free or Die" Stay Proud

If not totally buried, and Northern Pass not allowed to pass through N.H. then **NO profit** will be made at all. **"Better a little less profit and greed than more greed and NO profit"**

This can be a win/win situation for all if done RIGHT and the entire line BURIED, and out of sight, also eliminating the potential cause of possible harmful emissions to all wildlife and any humans living close by.

Bury or Forget it.

Thank you so much for your time in this matter.

Respectfully,

Jerry Roy

Cc: SEC distribution list of Docket No. 2015-06. Copies sent by email.