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Sent: Friday, February 05, 2016 3:51 PM
To: Berglund Jr Berglund
Subject: Petition to Intervene, SEC Docket No. 2015-06

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 the “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:

We own 75 acres in Deerfield, about 8 acres of fields and the rest in woodland, and have resided here for well over 40 years. Over the decades we have carefully restored our antique colonial house and historic barn.

We have planted a small orchard, perennial gardens and asparagus beds. Our children were raised here and our five grandchildren now love to enjoy family visits and long summer vacations on our farm.

Over the decades we have been invested in Deerfield, making friends, volunteering on town and school committees, serving on the local arts festival board, working on the local newspaper and supporting land conservation efforts here in town. Our small business is in Deerfield. Deerfield is truly home, not just a place where we happen to live.

With Northern Pass Deerfield would be substantially and irreversibly changed. The towers would run through the center of town and very close to the historic district and would traverse the main highway through Deerfield, not to mention running through fields, forests, backyards and wetlands in many areas of town. Towers would often dwarf the nearby trees and would be highly visible from many points in this small rural town.

Deerfield will be substantially impacted by the proposed Northern Pass project as proposed. All residents of the town will be affected in a variety of ways:

- ~ The rural character of the town will be greatly diminished
- ~ The historic district will be tainted by the added backdrop of transmission towers
- ~ Wildlife habitat will be destroyed and endangered Blandings turtles will be further threatened
- ~ Beautiful viewsheds will be ruined
- ~ There will be increased health impacts from EMF radiation
- ~ Property values will decrease throughout the town since Deerfield will no longer be a desirable place to live

It is our firmly held belief that we, and all residents of towns through which Northern Pass would go, should be entitled to have a seat at the table when our futures are being determined.

Because of the above enumerated major impacts on the quality of life of so many New Hampshire residents we urge you to either require burial of the entire length of the Northern Pass project or to deny it outright as not serving the public interest and for having unusual and adverse effects on the lives and livelihoods of the citizens you are appointed to serve.

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 our specific interests and concerns in the proceedings for this docket as well as we could.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,
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