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Subject: Petition to Intervene, SEC Docket No. 2015-06

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Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“SEC”) Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass

Petition to Intervene
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, I am sending this request to you, with copies to the SEC’s distribution list for this proceeding as noted in the “cc” below.

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

1. I own property in Northfield along a right-of-way (ROW) that Northern Pass project would adversely impact with their application to build steel monopoles & H-frame towers to replace the wood poles. Having lived here since 1980, I have a substantial interest in asking the SEC to consider that such an application, if approved, would devalue my property of 6.47 acres.

2. As presently proposed, I ask the SEC to decide to NOT BUILD the project—I believe this decision would best serve the interests & public good of NH citizens. I have attended Info Sessions & Hearings RE this project since 2011. Having learned the details & facts of the proposal, I cannot support anything less than a NO BUILD decision for the public good.

3. My property in Northfield is designated as CONSERVATION ZONE. Disturbance of the land, even now, for maintenance by trimming has adversely impacted the plants, soils & wetlands. What would the LARGE construction machinery do when seeking access, via my .2 mile long driveway, that is the access to the ROW? I have not been assured that EVERSOURCE would restore &/or repair in writing by contract.

4. As of 2/5/16 there would be 3 Steel Towers proposed to be built along my ROW, in addition to the steel monopoles parallel to them. Such a proposal would not be environmentally appropriate for the site. When I purchased this property, I accepted the wood poles; I do not accept steel structures that would be built above the tree line, as proposed. Aesthetics must be a major consideration; I bought this property for its beauty & for my quiet enjoyment.

5. There are health impacts that I am concerned about if the proposal is built. Electromagnetic fields have been cited for causing childhood leukemia. The current 115 kv lines have been labeled “DANGER!” What kind of sign would save residents from More Danger?

6. Eversource has appealed in court, the NH Board of Tax & Land Appeals, tax revenues that Northfield assessed. How can Northern Pass hope to give my town, & the other
towns that are sued for property assessments, the revenues that are projected by a profit-driven proposal?

7. There is no Power Purchase Agreement that Northern Pass has attained. Therefore there is no guarantee of lower rates for NH ratepayers.

8. Many meetings in the last 5 years were attended by me & many citizens who are opposed to this project. How long do we need to do this to make our message clear? No Need for the project. Do not sacrifice our beautiful state for promises of temp jobs. The cost is too great & there would be no redress once the damage is done.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Lee

cc: SEC distribution list as of February 5, 2016 for Docket No. 2015-06. Copies sent by email.