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

Re: Petition to Intervene, New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"), Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I hereby petition the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee to grant me full intervention status (*pro se*) in the 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 the proceeding as noted.

I hereby request that the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee grant me this intervention status for the following reasons, which demonstrate the rights, duties, privileges and other substantial interests that would be affected.

Together with my wife Annetta, I own the home and property we have resided in for 31 years at 352 North Road here in Lancaster. It is where my children spent most of their childhood, and where they and my grandchildren now come weekly to enjoy the strong and good life of families living where they most want to be. We treasure our location, the view it affords, and the affection we all have for this very important place. My grandchildren are the fifth generation of my family to live in this community, and it is dear to us all.

I share this sense in common with so many of my friends and neighbors, people I have served professionally as a REALTOR for the past 28 years here and throughout Coos County.

When I look out my windows which line three of the four walls of our open family room, where we spend so much of our time basking in the light and in the view in all seasons of the year, I see a grand view to the west, south and east. I see distant mountains, local hills, and the verdant Israel River Valley with the river itself meandering through hundreds of acres of meadow, pasture and tillage. Cattle graze, people live and play, and nature is outstanding in it grandeur. It is all I could hope or ask for in a home, a place to call my own, a place to enjoy with my family.

It is in this view that the towers and lines of Northern Pass are proposed to be built within an existing right of way, with smaller towers and lines now barely visible. In their place will be a multitude of tall towers and their strands of wire, all rising up from the landscape to corrupt the

beauty now there, starting at a high point on a ridge to the west, dipping down into the valley as they cross over the North Road, barreling down through the length of our view from south to east at the base of the valley along Israel's riverbed, and then crawling up the hillside to cross US Rt. 2 and extend from there to the Wesson Road. It is a truly horrible prospect, and we cannot believe that such a prospect could be a reality.

It is because of this threat to our enjoyment of our place, the impact on our neighborhood and an entire section of our community, and the impact upon my business and livelihood as well as our loss of value in our home and property, to be felt by me and by my heirs, that I seek status as an intervener in this process.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition, this letter of request for intervener status.

With appreciation,

Richard M. McGinnis