

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Docket No. 2015-06 Northern Pass

March 25, 2016

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

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 directing this electronic request to you, with copies to the SEC's distribution list for this proceeding as noted in the "cc" below.

We are filing this petition to intervene after the February 5, 2016 deadline and requesting your review at this time because the Applicants did not indicate that they would file their former preferred overhead project, which passes near our property, as the Alternate Route until February 26, 2016.

Attachment 1 to "Application Updates re: New Rules," filed with the SEC on February 26, 2016, is titled "NPT Project Maps- Alternate Route. Preliminary Design. February 2016. Additional Information." It is posted at Tab 261 on the SEC website page for the Northern Pass docket. Attachment 1 contains an updated map (dated February 2016) of the Alternate Route near our property.

The Applicants state that they are submitting these updated, February 2016 maps as additional information "the one alternate route that [they] considered technically available, although not preferred, but that is in reality not a viable alternative" (Cover letter, February 26, 2016, also at Tab 261). Given the ambiguity of this statement and lacking a legal guarantee that this route, which was the preferred route for five years, will not be revived as the preferred route at some point in this proceeding, we are petitioning to intervene in order to protect our affected property interests, as is out statutory right.

Our particular rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests that may be adversely affected by the Alternate Route relate to the property that we own at 133 Sargent Road, Holderness, NH 03245.

We are abutters on the proposed overhead project on the Alternate Route. The Eversource/PSNH ROW crosses our property. Our view shed encompasses Plymouth, Tenney and Stinson Mountains as well as the western ridge line that already holds the Groton Wind Farm and its 24 turbines. The ROW facing our property is currently 150 feet wide. And additional 75 feet would need to be cut to accommodate the 95-100 foot towers proposed for this area by our home. Our house is within 150 feet of the ROW so an immediate concern, despite not having young children, is the possible effect of EMF's. Also, despite being an upscale neighborhood, real estate sales have plummeted from what they once were. As retirees we look at our home as our nest egg for future financial security for the next stage in our life. For example, one house along the ROW sold for substantially less than appraised and two houses that were on the market for years did not sell until the Northern Pass announced an underground route elsewhere in Plymouth. Another issue is the potential fall zone within and outside the ROW that could endanger and/or fall on the existing 115kv line and/or the properties on the western edge of the ROW. Surely we have all seen the deleterious effects of our northeastern winter ice storms on electric lines.

Our property rights are unique and substantial. To combine our interests with those of others would limit our procedural rights and would hinder our ability to protect our property effectively, as is our statutory right.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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