

Re: Request for Review of Out of Time Petition to Intervene

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

March 26, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire 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 crosses 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 our property.

The Applicants state that they are submitting these updated, February 2016 maps as additional information on "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 our 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 on Pearl Lake Road and Hadley Road in Sugar Hill, NH, tax maps 218.4 and 218.5.1.

We are abutters to the proposed overhead project on the Alternate Route. The Eversource/PSNH ROW crosses our property. The metal lattice towers planned for Sugar Hill on the Alternate Route range from 90 to 135 feet in height. Our property is located in a scenic valley that retains much of the 19th Century pattern of roads and farms; this valley is presently included in a set of historic walking/driving tours published by the Sugar Hill Historical Museum. It is an important cultural landscape whose integrity would be compromised by the intrusion of these large, industrial type towers. Nearly one-half mile of the Alternate Route is on our land, and the presence of the new towers would have an adverse impact on our use and enjoyment of our property, due to visual impact and also to the presence of large structures dwarfing human scale in areas where we presently enjoy many forms of recreation. Our land is open to the public for recreation so this would affect many others in addition to ourselves.

Our property interests 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,

Nancy F. Martland

Carl D. Martland

16 Post Road, Sugar Hill, NH 03586

Cc: SEC distribution list for Docket No. 2015-06 as of March 26, 2016.