

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC  
and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy  
for a Certificate of Site and Facility

Docket No. 2015-06

New Hampshire Sierra Club (NHSC) respectfully withdraws its intervention from the above captioned proceeding of the Site Evaluation Committee.

NHSC will continue to oppose the project in other venues with our members, supporters, and the public. Sierra Club policy clearly states opposition to the damaging effects of large hydro facilities:

The well-known drawbacks of large hydro include inundation of large natural areas, substantial damage to fish and wildlife, interference with fish migration and reproduction, and displacement of human and natural communities.

The Sierra Club historic battles against large scale dams began with a loss to protect Yosemite Valley's sister valley called Hetch Hetchy in California after founding father John Muir died. The battles ended, in the United States, with the rejection of the proposal to fill the Grand Canyon in the late 1960s. We will continue to challenge the claims of Northern Pass and Eversource that Hydro-Quebec's energy source is 'renewable', 'clean,' 'green' or 'environmental' by highlighting the devastation the massive flooding and behemoth infrastructure has had on the wildlife, wild rivers, and natural landscapes.

In New Hampshire, we will never be able to comprehend the grief and pain of the forced migration, or the loss of ancestral territory and sacred monuments of the First Nation Peoples of Quebec, Labrador, Newfoundland and the other eastern provinces for the miles and miles of reservoirs, transmission lines, and substations. The now flooded miles that once were homes, villages, hunting and fishing grounds, places of worship and crossroads of cultures are faded memories.

Further, the local impact on private property and land values in New Hampshire is unaccounted for in the proceeding. The property rights of land owners with the misfortune of having a decades old right of way agreement with PSNH are being

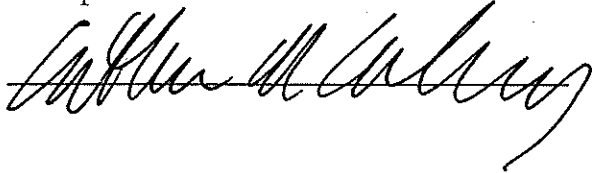
ignored. The wealth of stunning ridgelines, forested landscapes, roaring rivers, and quiet harmony in New Hampshire will be forever denigrated by the Northern Pass transmission lines above ground or buried.

There is only one position NHSC will advocate that will serve our state, private property owners, communities, and energy demand. NHSC opposes Northern Pass in its entirety.

NHSC will continue to endorse truly renewable energy, like solar and wind, energy efficiency, weatherization, retrofitting and modernization of our local infrastructure, residences, municipalities, schools and businesses.

Catherine M. Corkery  
NHSC Chapter Director

I certify that this document was filed and served in accordance with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Rules on July 29, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine M. Corkery", written in a cursive style.