



Town of Deerfield Board of Selectmen

July 1, 2013

Timothy W. Drew, Administrator
Public Information and Permitting Unit
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive; PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Mr. Drew:

On March 12, 2013 the voters of the Town of Deerfield overwhelmingly voted to state its opposition to the Northern Pass Transmission project as currently proposed, which as currently proposed, will cause the significant expansion of existing power line rights-of-way; the installation of steel towers of heights up to 135 feet, well above the tree height, resulting in the further impairment of Deerfield's rural, small town character and the further degradation of Deerfield's scenic vistas and natural scenic beauty; the development of the Town in a manner inconsistent with the Deerfield Master Plan; the diminishment of the value of private property and assets for residents in proximity to the towers; the corresponding loss of property tax revenue for the Town; and the strong possibility of negative health impacts.

In addition, on the same date, the voters of the Town of Deerfield overwhelmingly voted to state its opposition to any new overhead development of alternating current and direct current high voltage transmission lines within its borders; and in turn manifest the Town's strong preference for the burial of such lines, in a manner consistent with state and federal requirements, under rights of way and power line corridors now existing or to be established. Although burial in all instances is preferred, this statement of opposition shall not apply to distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines, such as telephone and cable television, for Town residential or commercial use.

The Deerfield, NH Board of Selectmen have officially taken the position of the voters of the town and formally oppose the Northern Pass Transmission project as currently proposed. The Board of Selectmen also officially oppose any new overhead development of alternating current and direct current high voltage transmission lines within its borders.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Barry, Chairman

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