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----- Original Message -----

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Hello everyone

I received a call today from Representative Skip Riley about an important matter that will be coming out to you soon to help address. Apparently the biofuel plants are set to shut down because of a stupid flaw in how the regulations are set up . I am waiting for clarification on this but as I understand it all but one of the Biofuel plants have come to an agreement with PSNH regarding contracts. The only hold out is a Biofuel company that is owned by a company that is not a US company . This company is holding out for a sum per KW that is essentially twice what all of the other companies have agreed to contract for . As I understand it there is something in the agreement with the NHPUC that it is all or nothing . Either all of the biofuel companies have to agree to a contract or none will be ratified with the PUC. Obviously this would mean the termination of hundreds of jobs if all of the plants go under . Representative Riley is in the process of trying to find out exactly how our voice can help this situation.This may mean that we all need to write to and or call the NHPUC or the Governor or both to intervene. Once he has this information , I will pass this onto you . The following is information from other sources on the ongoing battle . Thank you all for your ongoing help,Good hunting, Darlene

From Bury the Northern Pass comes this update

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<http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/2011/07/colebrook-fourth-of-july-parade.html>

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Regards, Bob

### **July 4th Visual Reminder**

Attached are two photos of the National Grid HV lines at the AT crossing on Rt. 25C in Warren; they were taken today. The towers are 80-90-footers; the lines were crackling with static and surely would have illuminated neon light bulbs under them.

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In an NHPR interview, Martin Murray said towers like these wouldn't ruin his enjoyment of the North Country. What does he look at when he goes on vacation? His shoes?

### **Media: Waving Flags, Raising Hell**

Jeff Woodburn: Waving flags, raising hell

Posted on 03 July 2011 by White Mt. News

Opinion by Jeff Woodburn

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### **Poll**

The Laconia Citizen has a poll on the biggest issue facing the Lakes Region right now. NP is one of the choices. Scroll to the bottom of the page: <http://www.citizen.com/> Note the "George and Christine" ad at the top of the page. Just regular folks, paid for by Northern Pass.

### **Factoid Quiz (answers at the end of this email)**

1--Who is the second largest contributor to politicians in NH?

2--What are peep toe kitten heels?

### **Tourism and the NH Economy**

NH's economy is driven in part by tourism and by the natural scenic beauty and recreational opportunities that help NH hi-tech companies attract employees. Where would NP fit into this?

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-new-hampshire-economy-20110703,0,2449007.story>

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Please RSVP to Kelsey at [603 -410 - 3079](tel:603-410-3079)

**Orange Truth Balloon Pledge-a-thon for Take-A-Hike Cannon Mountain Event, August 13**

We'd like to fly the OTB for the Take-A-Hike event on Cannon Mountain, August 13th. The balloon and the launcher (Rick Samson) are free but the helium costs about \$230. Please email your pledge to Rick at [samsონr@nhcewb.com](mailto:samsონr@nhcewb.com). When enough has been pledged for the Aug. 13th OTB, we'll let you know.

### **Looking for Opposition Members to Appear in Video**

Margaret Jones Productions is looking for people with first-hand NP issues/problems/occurrences for her next video. Margaret's e-mail address is [drmkjones@peoplepc.com](mailto:drmkjones@peoplepc.com). She states if you're shy, or have just one little tidbit of information that's fine. She would like to document the impact of Northern Pass on people's lives.

### **Reminder about an upcoming Cannon Mt. event!**

Please mark it on your calendar! Let us know if you are coming and whether or not you will hike or ride the tram!

The Cannon Mt. folks will give us a price break if there's a bunch of us, but they want a heads up on numbers! Please plan on being there early! The press does not hang around, they need to go and process their info. Please plan on being at the summit BEFORE noon!!!

Alert the press! Come one, Come All! We will send our message through the megaphones, to the North and to the South!

"NORTHERN PASS - TAKE A HIKE!" and "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW!"

Wear plenty of ORANGE, after all we wouldn't want the press to be confused as to where we each stand. People LOVE the megaphones!! They work well for their size! We are asking \$2. each, but if you can only afford \$1. Moxie says that's okay too.

Contact ATTA GIRLS at [agrecords@roadrunner.com](mailto:agrecords@roadrunner.com)

Please help us plan and coordinate this event by emailing us with the info we need!

ATTA GIRLS

P.S. Moxie NaHimby is very excited and says she would like to know if you want to pre-order megaphones, they are selling already. We would hate to run out, so if we get a bunch of orders, we may have time to order more. BUT WE NEED TO KNOW ASAP because they take a 2 - 3 weeks to come in after we order them!

### **Quiz answers:**

1--PSNH is 2nd; BAE is 1st. But PSNH is working hard on moving into first place soon.

2--Our favorite lobbyist's favorite footwear.



From Peter and Pam Martin

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2011 7:58 AM

**Subject:** Propaganda

Dear Troops,

There is an article on [alternet.org](http://alternet.org) this morning on propaganda. It's about a news outlet, but these are the same techniques which have been used successfully down thru the ages by all powers to influence the masses. They were used by Hitler, used by governments to justify what they want to do, and now used by PSNH to sell NP. You can substitute PSNH throughout the article and it works.

Panic Mongering - Read unintended consequences, lack of energy, expensive energy

Character Assassination - Environmental nut cases, NIMBYs

Projection/Flipping - Accusing the opposition of being secretly funded while PSNH is being funded by Hydro Quebec which they don't talk about

Scapegoating - Blaming environmental nut cases for stopping Laidlaw

Saturation - Ads endlessly on WMUR, UL, etc.

Diversion - Always getting the argument back to energy when we're talking about eminent domain

Unless we combat these propaganda techniques one by one with the Senators, we could lose this battle. We seriously need to come up with some strategies to address the propaganda.

From Valerie

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## Update 7 5 11

### Halle says Berlin Station deadlines are real

Facebook Posting

By Coös County Democrat on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 8:11pm

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**By Edith Tucker**

[etucker@salmonpress.com](mailto:etucker@salmonpress.com)

BERLIN — John Halle, president of Cate Street Capital of Portsmouth, said in a Friday afternoon telephone call that he is close to placing the 75-megawatt Berlin Station biomass project on hold.

In order to put the project back on track, the state's independent power producers (IPPs) must collectively agree to stand down and withdraw their case in front of the state Supreme Court challenging the Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) that Berlin Station and Public Service of New Hampshire have signed. Although progress was made at a stakeholders' meeting convened at the State House at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29,

by Gov. John Lynch that did not end until 10:30, the one company that has no urgent need for resolutions remained — and still remains — a holdout.

June 30 was the hard deadline by which Cate Capital said the IPP stalemate had to be resolved.

This is because July 15 is the latest date that construction can begin this summer that would allow enough progress to be made to continue work through the winter. The total construction project will take 27 months before electricity can be generated. If construction cannot start by mid-July then nearly a year must pass before the project could be re-started, Halle said. "Meanwhile the price of copper, the price of steel, and the price of labor will going up, and there'll be inflation; that is, the financials will change," he explained, adding that he cannot know if a year from now the project would still be viable.

"I don't want to walk away," Halle said. "This project could be profitable for investors, and it would do Berlin a lot of good and the forest products industry a lot of good. The \$2.5 million in New Market Tax Credits would also do a world of good in Berlin."

### **Public Access TV in Maine to Air Northern Pass Opposition Video**

Continuing to spread the word, the video on "The Land Grab" has become available in Maine. Here's what Margaret Jones Productions sent us. Be sure to spread the word.

**"Saco River Community Television in Hollis, Maine has just downloaded my video. They have over 4,000 viewers. I personally did not contact them. There is 207-625-3208 x123 at the local high school."**

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## Media

As you know, we don't promote any particular party or candidate but have repeatedly urged people to go to town hall meetings, political rally etc. and ask candidates for office what their position is on Northern Pass. Last month we were notified that Andy Martin, who is running for president, is against Northern Pass. We are hopefully this will start a movement by politicians who value our NH way of life, landowner rights and other issues to come out against Northern Pass. If you would like to see Andy Martin's recent ad for president and mention of his opposition to Northern Pass go to <http://www.youtube.com/Martinin2012#p/a/u/2/cjxeDaIwGGQ>

Andy Martin has also proposed a long walk from the border south in opposition. If you would like to see information on what Andy proposes contact us at [infnorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infnorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com) and we will send you his latest posting on this.

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## Coming Events

Please keep us in the loop so we can spread the word –if you are planning or know of any NP opposition activity contact [infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com) and tell us all about it. Events added today are highlighted.

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[martinp003@gmail.com](mailto:martinp003@gmail.com) for more information.

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Please RSVP to Kelsey at 603 -410 - 3079

**July 27, 28 29 30, 31 North Haverhill County Fair** – booth with Northern Pass Opposition. For more information or to help contact [kelley.monahan@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.monahan@gmail.com)

**Saturday, August 13 with Rain Date August 14** from noon to 2 at Cannon Mt in Franconia Notch, **Northern Pass Take a Hike.**

**Saturday, September 10, Democracy School in Littleton.** To register or for more information contact Pam or Peter Martin at [martinp003@gmail.com](mailto:martinp003@gmail.com)

**Guest Blog: Muntz Abridged but Perfectly in Order, a Found Poem**

<http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/2011/07/muntz-abridged-but-perfectly-in-order.html>

**Broken Links: The 2.16.11 USFS Letter**

I sent this note to the Northern Pass webmaster this morning: "On your Documents page, your link to the 2.16.11 USFS Screening Letter from Tom Wagner [to Ann Bartosewicz] is non-functional. Please restore. Thank you."

(The non-functioning link, "US Forest Service Letter re: White Mountain National Forest," is on this page:<http://www.northernpass.us/news/document-library>)

In no time at all, I received a return email from my super attentive Community Relations Specialist, Jennifer Berry. It was really fast. Could she have just been sitting there and waiting for me to write to her this morning?

"Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I will notify the webmaster and the link should be repaired shortly.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Berry  
The Northern Pass"

The Webmaster has been nowhere near so speedy, however. The link is still broken.

While we wait for the Letter link to be repaired, you may wish to download Supervisor Tom Wagner's preliminary comments now in the attachment to this email.

Make sure to read #2 on pages 3-4 concerning the USFS criterion of "public interest," including the AT crossing. Wagner reserved judgment on that matter.

This "public interest" criterion will be the key factor in deciding whether to grant Northern Pass's recently filed Special Use Permit application,

**Media: "It is what it is"--Martin Murray, PSNH**

Once PSNH gets its land or your easement, there are no more Mr. Nice Guys (aka community relations specialists). Maine residents are asking for an extremely modest tree-screen buffer zone around a PSNH switching station. The site is 17 acres. But PSNH thinks it might be too expensive or have environmental impacts. Negative impacts on property values? Don't blame it on PSNH, Murray says. It's the market's fault.

Eliot residents fight PSNH switching station plan

Neighbors in Eliot seek help from town, lawyer; say proposal would lower property values

By **David Ramsay**  
[news@seacoastonline.com](mailto:news@seacoastonline.com)  
July 02, 2011 2:00 AM

ELIOT, Maine — Abutters of a proposed Public Service of New Hampshire switching station in a rural part of town are mounting an effort to stop the utility from clear-cutting the site across the road from their homes.

"Hardly anyone knows about this except for the people right around here. There was hardly anyone at the selectmen's meeting or the Planning Board meeting" when the matter was brought up, said John Heath of Worster Road.

At issue are PSNH's plans to construct a new switching station near Worster Road and Stacy Lane. Neighbors, who gathered at Heath's home this week to talk about their frustration with the project, said they have received little help from town or utility officials.

Drainage is another potential problem, they said. Each neighbor bemoaned the loss of the scenic beauty and quietness of the area with the coming of the switching station.

"We came here 14 years and ago and sat by the bridge, sat here for two hours drinking coffee, and 11 cars went by," Heath said.

"It's not just the view, but it can devastate property values on a whole section of land," said Portsmouth attorney J.P. Nadeau, who is representing neighbors George and Ruth Larenas.

Heath and his wife, Doria, attended a public hearing on the matter in January and PSNH told the audience it would clear-cut a swath of forested land much larger — about double — than the 5.3 acres needed for the switching station itself. The entire parcel, which PSNH bought, is 17 acres.

The neighbors maintain the clear-cutting is not needed and would make the switching equipment more visible, further ruining the view and lowering property values.

PSNH officials said the switching station is proposed to connect Central Maine Power's planned 345-kilovolt power line, which is part of the company's upgrade, with power lines in New Hampshire. The station would include three terminal lines, six circuit breakers, various disconnect switches and a small control building, and would be surrounded by a security fence.

Residents complained about the lack of buffer around the site and its impact. Joanne Ferguson, who lives on Stacy Lane off Worster Road, said it was the "lack of buffer and the potential decrease in property values" that worried her the most. "We've already been hit by the pipeline on our back property," she added.

If the facility has to be built, Ferguson said, she would like to see the utility —» only cut what they absolutely had to at this stage — to phase it in, versus cutting everything down for the potential they might at some future time expand."

The company's map shows a 75-foot area beyond the actual switching yard equipment, she indicated, which is along Stacy Lane. "They're saying they're not using this at all — it's just for future possibilities of expansion," she said.

Eliot Planning Assistant Kate Pelletier said the Planning Board will act on the site plan July 19. PSNH "should have a continuous landscape buffer not less than 10 feet in width and eight feet in height," she said. "That can be large trees, shrubs, fences, a berm — anything like that."

The only thing outstanding on the application concerns an abutter's complaint that he could see the fence from his property line, she said, adding PSNH agreed to come up with something to "better screen him from that view."

"We all pretty much have the same concerns: the buffer; the health hazards, as well; water and drainage, which we already have problems with — more water coming in — we'll be floating," said Stacy Lane neighbor Michelle Morin.

Spokesman Martin Murray said PSNH is doing everything it can to respond to the neighbors' concerns. "It is a dynamic process designed to balance the need of proceeding with a reliable and efficient project and also balancing the needs and desires of the community and the neighbors," he said.

He stressed he is working with one neighbor to address his concern about visual impacts on his property. Regarding clear-cutting the area beyond what is currently needed for the switching station, he said there was a need to install a "ground grid" and the required storm water management system over the entire site, anticipating the fact that the entire site will eventually be fully utilized.

If PSNH waits to install these systems, it will be disruptive to the operation and cost more, he said. Murray added that company engineers thoroughly reviewed siting the facility on the other side of the transmission corridor away from the houses, but found serious environmental impacts on wetlands.

"They absolutely believe it would not be the right choice both for environmental concerns and from an engineering perspective," he said.

Concerning property values, Murray said, "The proof will be in the pudding. There may some speculation about property values. What we can do is to do the best job we can to site this property to have as little visual impact as we possibly can, but ultimately the site is what it is and the market will determine the value in real dollars of one's property."

He said it may be possible to find situations where there were some impacts on a neighboring property and in some cases very little.

### **Democracy School**

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