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Site Evaluation Committee
C/o Mr. Timothy Drew
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Dear SEC,

We support complete burial of the Northern Pass project. Other power companies around the New England area have been burying their power lines through areas similar to what the topography Northern Pass would have to endure. The fact that State roads and other transportation corridors parallel the project route, thus providing them a "soft" base for which to bury the lines into, makes the idea of scarring many of the most beautiful New Hampshire landscapes with thousands of towers for an elective, for profit, project even more unconscionable.

New technology, as Northern Pass has finally decided to admit, has made burying the lines far less expensive than past technologies and creates less disturbance of the surrounding area. This technology is the reason why other power projects in New England (Vermont and Maine) have jumped to burying their lines over constructing 1000s of massive 100' +/- steel towers. Why is it affordable for them but not Northern Pass?

The burying option allows the power company to provide power with less local economic damage, environmental damage, etc, while substantially decreasing the chance of service interruption due to natural causes such as winter storms, hurricanes, etc. Further, in the event there is an issue with the lines, access to them is substantially easier considering they are right along the road. Additionally, they need not worry about defoliating their ROW with harsh chemicals through forested, highly rated wildlife habitat areas and sensitive wetlands through which their lines run.

It is a win, win option. The only difference, and there are others that would argue against this, is that the cost may be higher. However, the cost is not so much that it would substantially affect the investors' return over time. In fact, over time, the decreased maintenance of the ROW, and decrease of repair maintenance from events that would interrupt service, could increase the investor's long term return. As additional projects around New England turn to the burial option, the idea that it is not financially feasible becomes less and less believable or acceptable.

We strongly recommend that the SEC require complete burial of the elective Northern Pass project to save New Hampshire from an unnecessary permanent 140 mile scar just to line the pockets of investors when a tried and true alternative, presently being utilized by other power projects in New England, is available to them. The destruction, whether economic, environmental, esthetic etc., these towers would create throughout the numerous New Hampshire communities is far, far greater than the Northern Pass's proclaimed additional profit they may make by not burying the lines. Northern Pass is an elective project. They have a right to build the project. However, they do not have the right to build this project on the backs of New Hampshire, the affected communities, and their residents just to add profit for their investors when there is a tried and true alternative available to them.

Thank you for protecting the **Beauty that is New Hampshire.**

Best regards,

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