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Mr. Martin Honigberg, Chairman
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Re: Northern Pass

Dear Mr. Honigberg and Committee Members:

First of all, I thank you for your service. I know this issue has many interested parties, comments from whom are numerous. Your task of reading and digesting their significance is daunting, I am sure.

I want to make four points that relate both specifically to my family as well as to the analysis of the project that has gone before:

- A. The newly proposed routing for Northern Pass that maintains 132 miles of overhead High Voltage lines and towers would mar the New Hampshire landscape for a large section of the state. ANY proposal using existing PSHN transmission routes south of Ashland would significantly impact my property adversely. Within one mile of our residence at 809 Blake Hill Road, New Hampton, 10 new towers* in Hill, from 70 to 95 feet high, all above the tree-tops, will mar the view from our house, devaluing our property by aesthetic desecration of our views. Also, travelling to and from our house in New Hampton, we would have to drive under the lines that cross Coolidge Woods Road in New Hampton. Viewing these lines would negatively affect our quality of life daily, as we purchased our farm primarily for its vista.
- B. Others within the view shed would similarly be impacted. You should clearly identify the number of residents who would view these lines and record via scientific polling their stance on overhead lines. It should take into account the opinions of people who are directly affected by this project. I suspect that the overwhelming conclusion would be thousands of people in opposition to overhead lines, while many fewer in opposition to burial of lines.

- C. As there has been an overwhelming response from New Hampshire residents and property owners, I would expect that each member of the Site Evaluation Committee and authors of the EIS would take into account every one of the comments made from all sources: Hearings, DOE EIS postings, etc. in order to evaluate the people*s reaction to the proposal by Northern Pass.
- D. The effect on appraised value of real estate in the EIS seems extremely low. Already the prospect of overhead lines has caused home sales to be scuttled and at least one golf course housing development (Owl*s Nest) to file for bankruptcy for lack of sales. I suggest the Site evaluation Committee take another look at the methodology used.

Trusting you will respond to these concerns, I am

Yours truly,



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