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Martin Honigberg, Chairman
Site Evaluation Committee
c/o Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company
of New Hampshire d/b/a/ Eversource Energy: Joint Application
for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New
High Voltage Electric Transmission Line in New Hampshire**

Dear Chairman Honigberg,

A 100% buried high voltage transmission line utilizing state and federal roadways would be a win-win for our uniquely beautiful New Hampshire. The reasons are so compelling that to do otherwise would be unacceptable:

1. The State of New Hampshire would receive a large and continuous stream of revenue from the use of its roadways.
2. The overwhelming negative impact on the “North Country” and on the towns south of the White Mountain National Forest would be eliminated .
3. The White Mountain National Forest would be spared from the negative impact on the forest users experience.
4. New Hampshire would be viewed as a “Good Neighbor” by the states to our south both because they will receive all or most of the power transmitted by the project, and their citizens will continue to stream north from their wire-clogged and congested environs to a still beautiful New Hampshire.
5. New York, Vermont and Maine have and are permitting fully buried electric transmission projects to feed the same insatiable demand for power from those states and cities to our south.
6. The U.S. Department of Energy Draft Environmental Impact Statement calls full burial in roadways (their Alternative 4A) the least damaging to New Hampshire's environment and shorter than the applicant's most current proposal.
7. The State and the numerous conservation organizations that hold easements in the North Country would be spared the potential violation of their fiduciary obligations.
8. Most likely, the 3 to 4 years of litigation being prepared against the project, as now proposed, would be terminated.
9. Last, but by no means least, the overwhelming majority of New Hampshire citizens would set aside their cynicism of government and reward those who put the people ahead of business.

If the SEC is not convinced that full burial in roadways is the right choice, then you must reject the project entirely.