



September 17, 2015

Mr. Martin Honigberg, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

I am contacting you because I am completely against the construction of the Northern Pass project, in any form.

In my line of work as a wildlife rehabilitator, I have many wild birds come into my facility that are injured due to collisions with high-voltage power lines. These birds suffer electrocution, third-degree burns, and ruptured tracheas. The electrocutions often result in fatalities, and ruptured tracheas require long-term rehabilitation. Despite extensive burn treatment and physical therapy, there is no guarantee a bird with third-degree burns will ever be able to fly again due to the prevalence of recurring bone infections with this type of injury.

The Northern Pass project is proposing the construction of 1,800 high-voltage towers straight through the middle of New Hampshire. I believe the number of injuries such as I have outlined above will increase, affecting Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Loons, Red-Tailed Hawks, Ospreys, Great Horned Owls and many more of the beautiful native birds that depend upon the pristine wildlife habitats of New Hampshire for their survival.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Kindest regards,

Catherine Greenleaf,

Director