



New Hampshire Community Rights Network

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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Northern Pass, SEC Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe,

The New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN) was formed over the last decade as communities within New Hampshire enacted local rights-based laws to elevate their rights over corporate claimed "rights," and protect themselves from harmful corporate projects. NHCRN was founded to educate communities and elected officials in New Hampshire about the right of local community self-government. Our mission is to empower communities with the education and authority necessary to promote and maintain a level of resiliency that is necessary for survival.

NHCRN believes that sustainable environmental and economic development can be achieved only when the people affected by governing decisions are the ones who make such decisions. When for-profit corporations, such as Eversource, force projects into communities against the will of the people who are impacted, they are violating the rights of the people to collectively decide what happens, where they live.

Eversource's decision to move forward with the Northern Pass project reveals the corporation's determination to exercise its "right" to profit at the cost of community rights to protect their own health, safety and welfare, economic sustainability, and natural environment. Communities impacted by the proposed Northern Pass project have overwhelmingly expressed opposition to this project through Master Plans, Resolutions, and the enactment of Rights-based Ordinances.

Eversource plans to use New Hampshire communities as resource colonies for profit. NHCRN assists communities in elevating their right to protect themselves and the places they live, for the sake of the health, safety and welfare of residents, local economies, and environmental sustainability.

The State is charged with protecting people's rights – the most fundamental of all being the right of local community self-government, which is the right of people to collectively decide what happens where they live. NHCRN is opposed to the Northern Pass project: The people affected by this project must have the authority to make the final governing decision as to whether or not it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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