

791 Easton Valley Road
Franconia NH 03580
November 3, 2015

NH Site Evaluation Committee
Administrator Pamela Monroe
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord NH 03301

RE: Objection to Routing of Northern Pass down Rt. 116 between Franconia and Easton
To the Site Evaluation Committee:

The Northern Pass does not belong on residential roads like Rt. 116 or down the mainstreet of Franconia. The majority of homes and businesses along this route are located close to the road (where the Northern Pass would be buried). By my visual estimate, 62% of the structures on Rt. 116 (between Streeter Pond Road and Rt. 112) appear to be within 100 feet of the road. About 1/3 are within 50 feet of the road. Given our granite soil, given the close proximity of structures to the excavation site, and given the 10' x 10' x 30' dimensions of the splicing vaults required at a rate of at least 3 to a mile, there is significant risk of damage to structures, foundations, wells, and septic systems during excavation in this part of the proposed route. At the Sep 8, 2015 presentation at Loon Mountain, Eversource was clearly anticipating damage claims/legal problems along these lines when they said that wells would be tested before blasting.

It would seem a more sensible alternative to run the lines down I93. First, it is a shorter, more direct route to use I93, and excavation would be through already-disturbed ground. (Attached is a map showing the lengthy detour out to Easton instead of tracking I93.) Second, post-construction, the risk of accidental dig-ins is far less on I93 than on 116. Third, resident concerns about having high voltage lines so close to their homes would be ameliorated and exposure to EMFs would be reduced. Fourth, exposure to electrical faults is mitigated on I93 where there will be no pedestrians. Fifth, signs warning of buried cables would be less off-putting on I93 than in front of country inns or in our rivers where tourists come to fish and swim. Lastly, local property values will be preserved by routing on I93.

I would encourage the committee members to drive Rt. 116 through Franconia and Easton, paying special attention to how close our buildings are to the road. Also consider the reaction of tourists seeing "WARNING BURIED POWER LINE" signs in our rivers. I would

recommend that the SEC urge Eversource to use the industrial corridor created by I93 instead of despoiling another section of the beautiful New Hampshire countryside.

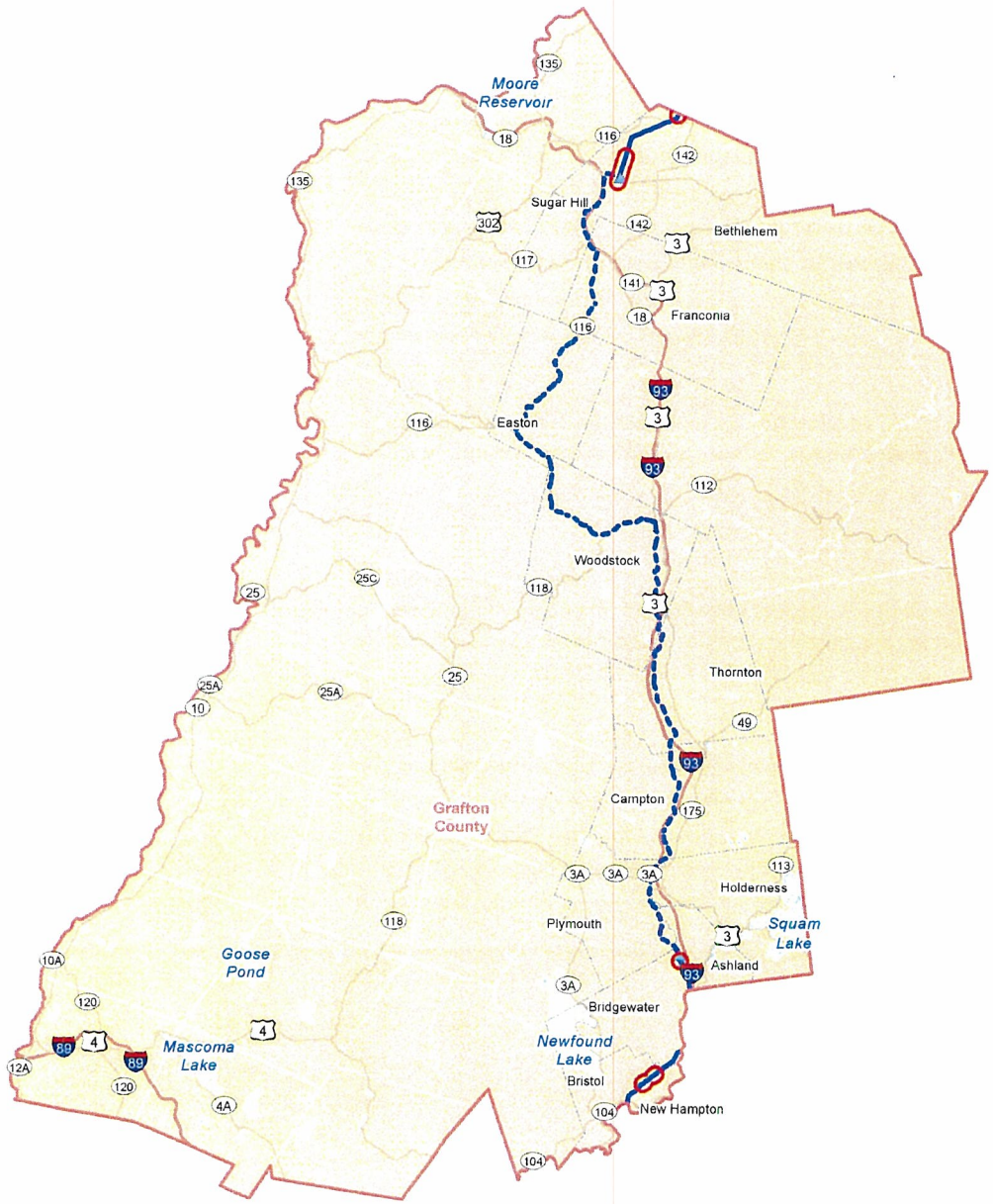
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Meyer".

Barbara Meyer

Attachment: Map

Grafton County Detail



Key Project Elements

- 52.3 miles of underground
- 11 miles of overhead
 - Most common structure height – 80 feet
- Minimal environmental impact

Design Enhancements

- Eliminated visual impacts in and around the WMNF, the Appalachian Trail, Franconia Notch and surrounding areas
- Eliminated over 400 overhead structures
- Reduced average structure heights 4 feet
- Changed 19 structures to monopole for visual / historical mitigation
- Reduced ROW clearing