

Good evening,

Attached are my comments about the Northern Pass' Forward NH Plan. I've also copied the text below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

It's no surprise that New Hampshire has one of the highest energy rates, and now that we're seeing the closure of other plants around New England, we need to move quickly to bring more clean energy to the regional grid from which we get New Hampshire's power. The average retail price per kilowatt-hour is 10.41 cents across the United States, whereas the average price per kilowatt-hour in New England is nearly 17 cents. New England is close to double the national average! We cannot continue to brush off the need for reducing our electricity costs anymore.

As a supporter of the Northern Pass' Forward NH Plan, I'm very happy to hear and appreciate the efforts that have been made to guarantee that there will be no view obstructions in the White Mountain National Forest, a place I frequently visit in the winter months, and that there would be approximately \$3.8 Billion dollars of economic and community benefits for the state of New Hampshire. Let's also not forget that the Forward NH plan would bring 2,600 jobs to our state along with \$30 million dollars annually in new property taxes. The Forward NH Plan brings opportunity to New Hampshire, a state which continues to be challenged with keeping businesses here. It also gives me reassurance for years to come that when I become a homeowner, I won't have to worry about sky-rocketing electricity rates.

Thank you,

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