



Mr. Martin Honigberg, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Northern Pass Project

Dear Mr. Honigberg:

I don't believe Northern Pass has researched their possible negative impacts on the Pondicherry U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge -- a ten square mile National Refuge. The Northern Pass transmission towers and transmission corridor comes close to this refuge's north-west corner. Has there been any contact by Northern Pass with this refuge? Will the towers be seen from various locations in the refuge? Will the corridor of these towers influence fragmentation of wildlife trail corridors? Has there been any studies by Northern Pass or U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding this? Has there been any survey regarding wildlife corridors and possible impact on these?

The Pondicherry Refuge would also be concerned with the potential introduction of invasive species into their refuge. Has there been any studies regarding the impact on wetlands in and around the refuge?

In closing, I believe the Fish & Wildlife Service should be involved with the Northern Pass project, requiring whatever studies necessary to ensure the environmental and ecological integrity of the Pondicherry Refuge.

Thank you.

Bill Schomburg

