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

Re: Concerns about Northern Pass Project

Dear Ms. Monroe,

My wife and I wish to bring to your attention our concerns about the Northern Pass Project as it is currently proposed. We have a deeded spring and aqueduct that provides gravity fed water to our home, barn and horses, in-door lap pool, guesthouse, hydrants in three pastures, water to two neighbors and future plans for our children and grandchildren. The spring is located on Holden Hill, in Stewartstown. Around 1902 this water was piped underground to the thousands of acres constituting this farm. In 1981, my wife and I and our 8-year old son built our home as I began a psychiatric practice in which I am still active. The original farm has been divided many times over the past 100 years. The piece that we bought comes with the deed to the spring and aqueduct. The hill the spring is on (Holden Hill) is now owned by Northern Pass whose current plan is to build a tower virtually on, or at best, next to our easement. The statement regarding potential impacts on the environment agrees that there is a risk to underground water from the tower construction. I have attempted to communicate my concerns at Northern Pass sponsored meetings, to no avail. At Governor Hassan's meeting in Errol N.H., I expressed my concern at which time she referred me to the site evaluation committee and expressed confidence in their review process. I have met others at meetings who have voiced similar concerns about their springs. Most recently, when a gas pipeline was buried in the area, a favored town spring dried up. This is one example of how this project could negatively impact people. As you can imagine worrying about this problem over the past five years has been a painful and undeserved experience. By comparison to the Northern Pass Project, as I sit at my kitchen table looking south across the snow covered valley at the Wilderness Ski area of the Balsams' resort, the future feels brighter. A few hundred meters to the north of where I sit is where the proposed line of high voltage towers could march putting our water source and our future here at risk. You can have the towers or families in this area but not both.

Respectfully,

  
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