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I live in Lancaster, NH. So far I am neutral regarding the Northern Pass project. Two things would make me, and I suspect some others positive. 1. An agreement, in writing that Northern Pass or any future entity owning the power lines, towers, equipment roads and buildings shall not in any way attempt to reduce the property taxes levied upon their property by NH towns, counties, and the state. 2. All roads used for maintenance and construction by kept open forever to 4X4 truck use, OHRVs and snowmobilers. I noticed at least one other person commenting claiming that Vermont had required a similar power line to be buried. Not true, that I know of. One of my favorite drives is along the power line tower roads in Essex county, Vermont. Some of the views from the road are spectacular. Sure, there are huge towers and lines overhead, but you're not so much looking at them as from them. The power line roads and logging roads there open up a huge area of boonies to recreational use. There is a Vermont horse riding club that uses them for outings. We drove through this (2015) hunting season, and there were a lot of hunters in there. At intersections there were snowmobile trail signs, waiting for the next season. Access to some great fishing is opened up. There are four places where it crosses over roads in Vermont. Most people can't tell you where they are, because unless you know where they are and are looking for them, you'll not notice them. The crossing of Route 2 in Vermont is in an area with trees on both sides of the road, so, unless you're looking about straight up, you'll never see the lines. The crossings of NH route 3, NH and route 26 by Northern Pass would probably be similar. The crossing of Granby Road is also in a wooded area, and also hard to notice. Crossing of VT route 105 is more apparent if you are traveling eastbound, but still, at the speed limit, only for a few seconds. The crossing by Averill must not be too bad, as I don't recall seeing it. There are a few places, like by Rogers' Campground in Lancaster, where it might be an eyesore and perhaps burial would be good. I wish many detractors of the project would take a drive along the power line roads in Essex County, Vermont with an open mind. Those of you who travel Route 2 in Vermont, do you even know where those big lines cross the road? Would the owners of the project be willing to a binding agreement on taxes? Would the owners be willing to a binding agreement to keep the roads open?