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NH Site Evaluation Committee
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Dear Ms. Chairwoman,

As you now ponder the pluses and minuses of the Northern Pass Transmission project, I would like to express my simple views on such, after enduring and participating in the controversy with peers and opponents over the last 5 years.

Initially I was brought into the issue when the alternative route shown on the roll out, included a large area of Plymouth. These alternative routes were soon abandoned, and a primary route, utilizing the existing PSNH ROW's was presented.

I endorsed that route, and to this day, still do. Utility ROW's are established for that very purpose, where the wires, towers, etc, are meant to be. Sidewalks are where people walk, streets where they drive, airports where planes function, etc. Very logical and nothing has changed those purposes.

The only thing that has changed, is the select group of NH residents who now, through Social Media, are advocating THEIR OWN DESIRES . The Bury the whole line movement, is mostly driven by elite affluent retirees who feel that their aesthetics is more important, than anything else. Thus, they conger up all sorts of boogie men to scare the public into thinking that the sky is falling and NH would soon become a backwater of depressed real estate, rampant unemployment, etc, if the project was allowed to be constructed overhead.....like thousands and thousands of transmission lines have done so for scores of decades.

I am a lifelong resident of New Hampshire, and have resided in Plymouth for 30 years this coming April. I was here in the 1980's when National Grid extended Canadian Hydro power thru our area.

I cannot remember any controversy of issues at the time that caused the gloom and doom that is being pronounced by the current opponents.

I feel confident, that none will exist after this project either.

I could go on and on about more false concerns that the opponents have advocated, but I'm sure the educated members of the committee have seen, read and have been lectured about them by others. No need to repeat.

Thus, in closing I wish to endorse the current NP plan as proposed by Eversource and would appeal to your committee to do so also.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ER', written in a cursive style.

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