

January 19, 2016
2808 Dick Brown Rd.
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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Administrator Pamela G. Monroe
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Regarding the Northern Pass transmission line proposal:

I do not believe that this project is in the public interest of New Hampshire's citizens. It would desecrate our landscape, reduce our property values, and make us less attractive to tourists than neighboring states that have chosen to bury transmission lines.

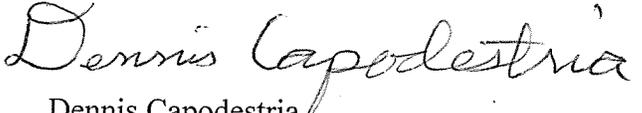
In return, we have been given assurances of new jobs (largely temporary), vague promises of cheaper power (but no details or guarantees) and environmental benefits (despite the fact that Hydro Quebec remains highly controversial in terms of actual carbon impact, flooding of native lands, and displacement of native people). I have been to Northern Pass's informational sessions, and found them to be evasive when questioned, and dismissive of burial proposals, despite the fact that similar projects in Maine and Vermont will be underground.

New Hampshire is a net exporter of electricity. We do not need Northern Pass's energy now, and I believe the state would be better served by investing in serious conservation efforts, cultivation of home-grown renewable energy (both large-scale and small), and development of a distributed network of energy sources throughout the state. This would improve grid resilience, enhance our economy, and keep more of our energy dollars in-state. I have made these efforts in my own home and business (solar-powered), and am seeing rapidly growing interest around the state in increasing our energy independence.

I have received stacks of glossy mailings from Northern Pass over the last few years, and seen their full-page promotions weekly in my local newspaper. Their ads flood our TV stations. If they are willing to spend millions of dollars on advertising and yet unwilling to spend the money needed to meet the demands of affected towns by burying the power line, then I do not believe they can be trusted to hold our state's best interest.

Please take a broad view of New Hampshire's energy future and instead support a truly sustainable model that will benefit us for generations to come.

Sincerely,


Dennis Capodestria