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Martin Honigberg, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
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Via e-mail to Martin.honigberg@puc.nh.gov

Dear Mr. Honigberg:

This is a request that the Site Evaluation Committee should refuse to grant a permit to Northern Pass, and return their application with the suggestion that it would be approved if they alter the point of entry into the US to Derby Line and use a buried cable along the I-91 corridor to reach I-93, thence following I-93 across New Hampshire, as suggested by SPNHF..

The present route through Coos County does economic harm to the northern part of the State. The industries of dairy farming and papermaking have left the area, and the hospitality industry is its main remaining economic support. The towers of the Northern Pass project, twice as high as trees, will cast a blight on the rural scenery of the region, which is at the heart of the tourist industry. Although the present version proposes to bury the cable for many miles south of Franconia Notch, the tall towers parallel the main tourist route into New Hampshire, I-93, south of New Hampton..

A buried line along the I-93 corridor avoids disruption of landowners and decrease of their property values caused by burial along lesser state highways. It should also produce a benefit for the average taxpayer in both NH and VT, in the form of a rental charged to Northern Pass by these States for use of right-of-way.

Please refuse to grant a permit for the present route

Sincerely yours,

Frederick W. Martin