

To The SEC

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I am a Deerfield citizen and have been listening to the rhetoric of those who want pristine environments try to either stop Northern Pass legally or by making the companies cost so expensive the project will become unfeasible.

In the 70's I served on jury duty for the Clamshell Alliance who trespassed on the Seabrook nuclear power plants lands causing havoc and very expensive remedies for Seabrook to be built as we heard the testimony. While I didn't want Seabrook I quickly realized once PSNH had to eliminate the second plant designed and partially set for construction that the Clamshellers while not accomplishing the stoppage of building Seabrook power plants had accomplished some of their aim but at an extremely high cost to citizens and especially electric users. The company's poor decision making with assistance from the PUC and other governmental agencies and legislators put extremely high costs on finishing the project and in the end we the consumers have paid and paid and paid. We have paid the high cost of electricity, we have paid the high cost of environment and finally the high costs of losing industries that were either here or would have built here had energy costs not been as high.

I have a prejudice for Hydro-Power; I grew up with hydro-power in my Vermont community and the love of having the lake built and we children using it for boating, fishing and just plain swimming on hot days will never be regained for my children because the town stopped caring for the hydro when oil was 19 cents a gallon. The lakes been allowed to grow back with weeds and trees and I doubt we will ever have another CCC to dredge and clean the lake.

So I am in favor of the Northern Pass looking to the facts that yes it will go to the New England grid serving many states but knowing my state is a part of that grid and will also call for energy from it. Knowing that the coal fired Bow plant is slated to close and probably should for the pollution spewed by the smoke stacks. The costly scrubbers never the less once again to be the cost born by the users of electricity. Yes I know that the legislature made them install the scrubbers and now I hear that the environmentalist want Bow shut the company is asking legislators to assure their investment will be paid for by the consumers of electricity. Is there never any end to companies doing things to get approvals from government agencies which won't end up being costly to consumers?

My community has some of the biggest activists against Northern Pass even though the community voted they were in approval of receiving the tax dollars. Most of our Conservation Commission is made up of these activists and so they send off letters on town stationary ignoring their responsibility to be impartial and to abstain if they have a prejudicial opinion. I am sure if I was writing in favor of Northern Pass as a voluntary Board member they would chastise me so why shouldn't they also be disqualified or at minimum viewed in a very careful review of submitted comments. And now they have gotten the selectmen to sign intervener status and I knowing my government board expect the selectmen will ask them to write the letters of intervention.

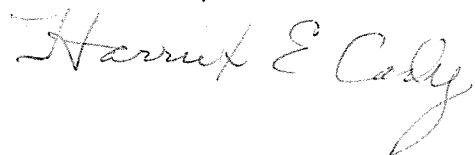
I and about 1300 voters in Deerfield want the SEC to understand that the present lines are already visible and a few more higher poles make no difference in our already spoiled views but that those views are for short distances. I having visited Quebec and seen the lines know I drove through in wonderment

at the very ability of man to so engineer such towers to give man more use of nature's gift of hydro. I want Northern Pass and so do many other silent citizens who want relief from the high electric costs of NH.

I can show you the vote last year of a Warrant Article which killed the activist trying to get people to not allow Northern Pass to come to our substation and believe I represent a lot of the silent majority who don't understand quite how to intervene but want whatever governmental agency to know we are out here looking for your proper perspective to consider when small municipal groups are using the power on boards to get Northern Pass stopped.

Please feel free to contact me should I need to come and speak to this issue.

Sincerely,  
Harriet E. Cady

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harriet E Cady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Harriet" and "E" on the first line and "Cady" on the second line.