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Dear Ms. Monroe,

The Northern Pass energy siting process has overstepped yet again. Its bias is showing.

Scheduling the upcoming Site Evaluation Committee meetings in conjunction with the Department of Energy Environmental Impact Statement meetings in Colebrook and Concord, two of the most affected areas of the Northern Pass, is shortchanging the public. The claim that it is a convenience for the residents is ridiculous.

Hundreds of people usually attend Northern Pass meetings and they usually continue for hours. At one meeting, my turn to speak was at approximately 10:45 PM and at another, 10:25 PM. Combining two different meetings together is certainly going to exclude a number of speakers.

Additionally, only the Department of Energy lists the site to register to speak for their portion. The Site Evaluation Committee merely mentions the public has the opportunity to submit oral or written comments and ask questions with no instructions for the meeting. How does one sign up to speak?

This is a biased, undemocratic way to inhibit the public while fulfilling the law's requirements for meetings. It demonstrates the total disregard for the public and their concerns with both the Department of Energy and the Site Evaluation Committee.

The final and major objection, however, is that we, the public, are being asked to attend hearings on an outdated and incomplete application. On December 7, 2015, the Site Evaluation Committee ruled the Northern Pass application complete and the entire process began, despite the SEC knowing, in a very short time, new rules would be adopted. Nine days later, on December 16th, those new rules were adopted. As a result, the SEC, on December 28th, requested the Northern Pass to review its application to see if it was complete with the new rules. If not, how long would it take to add the necessary information? On January 15, 2016, the NP replied they would need two months, bringing the date for the updated application to March 15th. Six of the seven meetings for the public are scheduled between March 1-14th. So, we are being asked to comment on an application that is NOT the application! We are once again, being asked to arrange our lives to attend potentially useless meetings, as was the case in the first round of DOE hearings when the Northern Pass didn't have a route. In fact, the Northern Pass project still does not have a legitimate route. The Northern Pass project has influenced repeatedly the DOE process and the SEC process to their advantage. The bias is unacceptable. This is just more of the same ramming the Northern Pass Project through New Hampshire with no regard for the residents, whatsoever.

Sincerely,

Dolly McPhaul