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To: NH Site Evaluation Committee
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Committee Members:

I am employed in the solar energy industry and am a resident of Stewartstown in Coos County, NH.

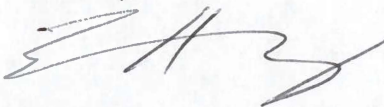
It is clear to me that the US requires no import of electrical energy from a foreign country – we have more than enough renewable resources within our own boundaries to provide for our electrical needs. We certainly have no need to condone (by importing the power) the ecological travesty being carried out in Quebec to generate the power. Nor do we need to condone the associated flooding of extensive native people's lands. Approving this project would make us dependent on this foreign energy source and would give others influence over the pricing of our electrical energy now and for decades to come. The State of NH is currently producing more electrical power than it uses and can easily expand its renewable generation capabilities.

Large-scale energy projects require substantial lead times to complete. If we want to position ourselves for future energy demands that our current infrastructure cannot provide for, it makes much more sense to begin truly renewable, green, climate-positive projects here in the US. We need to move to an electrical generation system that at least lessens and preferably reverses climate change. The methane generation associated with Hydro Quebec surely does not qualify.

As a resident of northern Coos County, I am fully aware that tourism is the only remaining industry in this area. People visit this area to experience a special place that has not been altered by the intense development up and down the rest of the eastern seaboard. People move here and retire here for the same reason. Why make it look like what those folks are trying to escape. For those of us who live here, this is our home – we have chosen it because of its characteristics and will not tolerate unnecessary changes to it like the Northern Pass project.

Therefore the only viable alternative is the No Build option. Even if the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability disagrees and determines that this project is critical to energy reliability here in the US, you can certainly require that Northern Pass power lines be buried in its entirety along existing transportation corridors, as they have been in several other similar projects.

Sincerely,



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