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To: Monroe, Pamela; peter.roth@doj.nh.gov
Subject: What Happened In Colebrook NH

Dear Ms. Monroe,

In plain simple terms, Les Otten blackmailed the members of the Colebrook Selectmen and Chamber of Commerce. Not one member of either town body believed in anything that was in their "neutral" letters they were coerced to write.

"No Strings Attached" Otten told both organizations, who were previously opposed to the Northern Pass Project in its present form, to change their intervener status from "opposed" to "neutral" or else " ... the Balsams Project would be dead." And that they would be blamed for it. In other words, it would now be a Northern Pass/Balsams Project. He then even instructed the Selectboard not to use the word "burial." That was the "stick" in order to get the "carrot" of some of the Forward NH money that is being offered by Eversource and Northern Pass.

The two boards then caved in because of how crucial the Balsams is to rejuvenating the economy of Colebrook and the North Country. In spite of the coercion two members of the Chamber Board immediately resigned their positions. One of the members, Jamie Sayen, wrote a lengthy article in the Colebrook Chronicle stating that their vote was illegitimate since it was taken under duress.

Northern Pass has agreed to bury 8 miles of their line through the North Country and 50 miles through the White Mountains. Why can't they bury just 40 miles more through Coos County? CEO Bill Quinlan would use his favorite "uneconomic" word, but how can burying 40 miles be "uneconomic" for a project that will earn 24 billion dollars? Most people are not naïve enough to believe him and his favorite word.

This is the 338 comment on this David vs. Goliath situation. And what has transpired here in Colebrook could not be a better example of personifying this.

Please let your decision be influenced and reflect what is happening up here -- that disgusting and unethical tactics will not be considered as acceptable behavior.

Thank you for attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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