

To: Site Evaluation Committee  
From: Julie Moran, Colebrook, NH  
re: Northern Pass Transmission Line

Comments 4/26/16

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Would you kindly add these additional comments for the SEC to consider in the Northern Pass Application:

Thank you for serving on this committee because this is the most important issue of this century, and will likely set a precedent for other projects that want to abuse NH in similar ways.

Living in Colebrook for the past 10 years during this tumultuous time of the "Northern Pass" has opened my eyes to the greed and inequality of living that I had never seen before. The people in the North Country are simple and courageous. And they have been unjustly abused by rich developers who want to use what little the North Country has, for private gain, without regard to the damage being done to the fragile economy and landscape of the North Country. The recent bullying of our Selectboard and Chamber of Commerce by proponents of Northern Pass is just the latest example - this type of bullying must be stopped. Please do not allow the North Country to be held hostage to the Northern Pass, for the sake of the "Forward NH Fund". If the Balsams project is viable, then they will be able to get funding from the usual sources. Taking Select boards and Chambers of Commerce hostage, is not the right way to fund a big project, and I ask the SEC to please see though this bullying for what it is - another buyout to try to take everything they can, while refusing to acknowledge the value they are stealing from the North Country (and NH in general).

I am asking the SEC to please force the issue of burial along state rights of way for the Northern Pass - for the whole line.

There is likely only one reason Eversource does not want to bury the lines: they would lose the roughly \$62 million per year payments from Hydro Quebec for the use of their "Rights of Way" - including those that they have not yet secured in Clarksville.

This is precisely the ONE reason that the lines should be buried along state rights of way - so that the state of NH will benefit from that \$62 million per year. This would benefit all of NH, and would not unequitably cost the North Country its livelihood and lowered property values.

The SEC has a unique and powerful position that can protect all of NH, while preserving what little environment and economy we still have. I ask you to please protect us from this ill-conceived project, and either demand that it be buried in full or that it go away forever.

Thank you,

Julie Moran  
Colebrook