



May 26, 2016

Martin Honigberg, Chairman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: GRCC Opposed to SEC Schedule for Northern Pass Project

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce (GRCC) representing 450 members, please accept our letter expressing opposition to the proposed extension to the SEC's schedule for the Northern Pass project.

Our members continue to express concerns with high energy costs in New Hampshire and the availability of energy. The GRCC Board of Directors voted to endorse the Northern Pass project dating back to 2013 due to the need to bring new sources of energy into the region in order to stabilize and lower energy costs.

The GRCC is opposed to the SEC's decision to extend the approval process for Northern Pass through September 2017. The economic future of our state is too important to delay a project as critical as Northern Pass and will send the wrong message to our existing businesses and those seeking to locate here.

We respectfully request that this extension be reconsidered and allow Northern Pass to proceed with the scheduled approval process that was established by the New Hampshire legislature two years ago.

Sincerely,

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