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**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2016 10:40 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Kate; Scott, Robert  
**Subject:** NO to Northern Pass 7\_15\_16

Dear Kate Bailey,

Northern Pass/Eversource is full of lies! The only thing they care about is their bottom line - and lots of \$\$\$\$s in THEIR pockets. Their propaganda is everywhere, and they are not going to give NH any more than they absolutely have to - so they can DESTROY our state!

They approached Plymouth 6 years ago, and fortunately and wisely, Plymouth said NO then. So they came back this year, offering a measely \$10 million dollars in \$1 million increments per year for 10 years, to rip up our main street right through town, then construct a tower next to the deer farm on the Bridgewater/Plymouth line. This is not adequate compensation for the financial disaster to our businesses, increased cancer rates, and other negative effects. Plus, operating under the Canadian entity that the main corporation is, if there are any legal issues due to default, destruction, non-completion, non-compliance, there is a very rough road in the legal sector when they claim foreign legal rights.

The majority of New Hampshire residents DO NOT WANT THIS. Please say NO to NORTHERN PASS/EVERSOURCE!

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Have an amazing day,  
**Barbara Spike**  
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*~ "Mindfulness helps you go home to the present. And every time you go there and recognize a condition of happiness that you have, happiness comes." ~ Thich Nhat Hanh*

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Chairperson Michael Conklin  
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RE: Northern Pass Public Forum May 9, 2016

Dear Chair Michael and SelectBoard Members:

Thank you for holding the open public forum for residents/business owners to voice their views on Northern Pass's proposed project slated for the downtown Plymouth area on Route 3. We, the concerned voters here clearly stated that we did not want this project to come through our town.

One of my concerns is that Northern Pass is that of their choice of contractors: many from out of state/region. These contractors do not know the fragile geological makeup of this area. As Lisa Doner also stated last night, there may be buried hazardous waste sites which need to be carefully attended to.

My next concern regards which body of laws prevails in the event of default/error/omission: United States or Canada.

Northern Pass/Eversource has NO intention of aiding any entity but itself and its corporate profits. They are paying a large amount to project very good public relations and perpetrate lies. This group of companies has been bullying their way through for six years, creating havoc and distress wherever they speak.

***In a July 21, 2015 story by Adam Sexton on WMUR.com news, "In a written statement, Northern Pass said it's planning to review the report and will provide an update on any changes it plans to make as a result.***

***"We have spent the last two years listening to the people of New Hampshire, and we recognize the need to enhance the project in a way that will balance the economics of a large-scale energy project with the need to minimize impacts to New Hampshire's landscape," the statement said." Full story at: <http://www.wmur.com/news/report-weighs-environmental-effects-of-northern-pass/34278366>. Please note the underscored phrase.***

They (Northern Pass/Eversource) keep changing their stories, which makes their position irresponsible and unbelievable at every turn.

Their "generous" offer of \$10 million would not begin to scratch the surface when considering the longer-range effects of public health, repairing environmental damage, and trying to regain lost revenue (which is nigh to impossible) resulting directly from going ahead with this proposed project.

As is true of most major corporations, if the project costs more than originally proposed, the added expense is passed on to the consumer, in this case residents and business owners of NH.

Thank you again for intervening – and listening to the public on this issue. As was said last night: stand together as a Board, stand tall, and SAY NO!

Kind regards,

Barbara Spike  
resident of Plymouth, NH

From:

[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/03/transcanada\\_to\\_sell\\_its\\_hydro.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/03/transcanada_to_sell_its_hydro.html)

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TransCanada's Wilder hydroelectricity facility on the Connecticut River (*courtesy TransCanada*)

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To help finance a \$13 billion merger with a Houston-based pipeline group, TransCanada plans to sell its hydroelectric stations on the Connecticut and Deerfield Rivers, the company announced last week.

The properties include 30,000 acres of land associated with hydro facilities in New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. Three storage-only reservoirs are also part

of the holdings.

TransCanada in 2005 purchased the 13 dams with 560 megawatts of capacity for \$505 million from the bankrupt USGen New England.

TransCanada awaits shareholder approval to acquire Columbia Pipeline Group, with its 15,000 mile network of pipeline and storage assets, to create a 57,000-mile system and \$23 billion natural gas transmission portfolio.

"At the same time, we will be well positioned to transport North America's abundant natural gas supply to liquefied natural gas terminals for export to international markets," said TransCanada president and CEO Russ Girling in a March 17 news release.

Proceeds from the sale of its northeast power generation assets, which include the dams, will help comprise the required funding for the Columbia merger, said TransCanada.

The five stations in Massachusetts are all on the Deerfield River. They are the Sherman Dam at Rowe and Monroe, a dam at Rowe and Florida; two in Buckland and Shelburne, and one dam at Conway and Shelburne. Vermont stations in the Deerfield basin are at Searsburg and the Harriman Reservoir.

The Connecticut River dams spanning Vermont and New Hampshire are at Vernon, Bellows Falls, Wilder, McIndoes, Comerford, and Moore Stations. The dam at Vernon has been in service since 1909.

The dam's owner, under its federal license, is responsible for raising and lowering water levels for energy production. There are requirements under a 40-year pact signed in 1994 for the dam owners to accommodate conservation and recreation, including [whitewater paddling](#).

TransCanada's federal licenses for the Vernon, Bellows Falls and Wilder dams are set to expire in April 2019, and a relicensing process is underway before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Also up for renewal are hydro facilities on the Connecticut River in Massachusetts — □" Turners Falls Dam and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, both owned by FirstLight Power, a subsidiary of GDF Suez.

The Connecticut River Watershed Council [is participating](#) in the federal relicensing proceedings, saying "private hydropower operators must provide direct benefits to the public and the river, including recreational facilities, better fish passage and reducing damage to healthy river habitats."

The licenses issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are good for 30-50 years and "lock-in minimum flow requirements, impoundment levels, fish passage and operating regimes for generations to come," according to the non-profit river advocacy group.

TransCanada is a large taxpayer in its host communities, reports the New Hampshire-based [Valley News](#). West Lebanon, New Hampshire assesses its dam property at \$44.9 million, and Hartford, Vermont values its portion at \$32.4 million. The Vernon, Vermont dam is assessed at \$30.5 million and the dam in Rockingham, New

Hampshire is valued at \$108 million.

In addition, a January superior court decision settled a lawsuit between TransCanada and Newbury, Vermont, by establishing a value of \$1.53 million for flowage easements on 1,860 acres that may be subject to flooding when water levels rise.

**TransCanada proposed the Keystone XL Pipeline, which would carry crude oil from Alberta, Canada to Nebraska. The U.S. State Department rejected the proposal in November, and TransCanada has appealed the decision.**

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In the event of default or error/omission, which state/country's laws prevail?

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What kind of damage will be done to the environment, landscape, building structures, and aesthetic quality of the downtown area?

Who is overseeing this entire project: which department, who's responsible?