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Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
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Re: Northern Pass Comments

Dear Attorney Roth:

My wife and I are retired and will be away from the North Country so we cannot attend the workshops that are scheduled on the above.


I was an attorney who practiced in Lancaster from 1958 until 2004. I was a District Court Judge in the Lancaster District Court from 1965 until 2002 when I retired upon reaching the age of 70. In my law practice at one time or another my office represented the Town's of Carroll, Dalton, Whitefield, Jefferson, Northumberland, Stark and Stratford, and I was on the first Planning Board of the Town of Lancaster acting as its Chairman.

My wife, Mary P Donovan was on the Board of Directors at Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster for 17years. She was employed in management at the Mt. Washington Hotel at Bretton Woods for about 20 years. She was also active in real estate as a sales agent and broker for a number of years. She also served on the State Board dealing with Children and Youth services for a number of years.


With the closing of the paper mills in Groveton and Berlin the real significant economic activity in Coos County is tourism. The impact of an above ground power line, as proposed by the Northern Pass project, will be disastrous for the tourism business. With the new towers proposed, between 85 feet and 155feet tall, this line would be far more objectionable than the now existing towers, 45 to 65 feet tall. This is disturbing on the entire above ground location, but especially so in the portions of the line from the Canadian border to an existing sub-division location in Groveton (Town of Northumberland). This section is entirely new and does not run along way existing power lines.

From our standpoint, if this line is to be built, put it all underground. If that cannot be done, as Eversource says it is too expensive, do not build it.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Donovan


Mary P. Donovan