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Subject: Support of the Northern Pass power project

Pamela: As a long time Deerfield resident and an electrical engineer with over 40 years experience working in the electric power industry, both as a General Electric service engineer and a retired employee of the largest electric utility in New Hampshire, I strongly support Northern Pass. Over 4000 Megawatts of non gas fired electric generation has been shutdown in New England in the last two years, with another 6000 Megawatts at risk of shutting down. The natural gas supply in northern New England is not adequate to supply the heating needs as well as the electrical generation demand during the winter months, and heating has priority, wind and solar are nice supplements but are not reliable over time and are not large enough to be considered a competitor with Northern Pass. I feel that we are very fortunate to have clean hydro electric generation available to the region and the power purchase agreement for Northern Pass guarantees a set amount of energy to New Hampshire on a 24-7 basis and at a competitive price. I am not aware of any new oil or coal fired power plants being built in the North East. Our electricity costs are high now and will only go higher if something is not done to increase the availability of reasonably priced electric power. It is my opinion that we will need the capacity of Northern Pass before the project can be completed, it appears to be our only option.

Thank you for your

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