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Subject: IN regards to Northern Pass comments from a citizen

I am appalled as a resident of Deerfield that three of my town Boards, Planning, Selectboard and Conservation Commission have chosen to intervene and speak out against Northern Pass a business that would add many tax dollars to a community. A fact that was in a survey by the Master Plan committee a few years ago is that the community overwhelmingly wanted more business and industry to help alleviate taxes.

Instead they make statements of how it will hurt the residents who when they bought houses bought on the powerline, one intervenor, Real Estate Broker, Jeanne Menard sold some of them and didn't have the people complain about being on the power lines.

When I moved here in 1984 as I drove over many of Deerfield's 64 square miles I would pass under the power lines that crossed and criss crossed the town. Sometimes I would see moose, sometimes deer, sometime opossum they are a magnet of cleared land for animals. Not only animals but hikers, snowmobilers and the hunters. As I drive down my road most days I pass under the power line crossing Church St. and within seconds its out of sight. Never has the sight bothered me much because I know the power is there when I need it in my home.

What does bother me is that while these groups have the advantage of using my tax dollars to hire an assessor as an expert, the very one the town fired a year ago, they then state that he says we will depreciate to nothing the

sub station. As a former appraiser of NH DOT Right of Way I can assure you the depreciation will never reach that point by simply looking at the original sub station built in 1974 which has not in twenty years reached no value. Improvements and updating will keep the power plants and their power lines paying taxes, taxes which we the rate payers get eventually to pay in our electric bills. This is why now I am moved to write a citizens comment from Deerfield because not one elected or appointed board member has presented those of us who support Northern Pass and I can tell you it is many more than the ones who have persisted in appearing before the SEC.

I therefore ask you to consider the disruption to the state if burial were to be ordered as we all know how the Conservation Foundation fought to keep I-93 from blasting in the rebuilding through Franconia Notch, how digging in the wetlands would put Northern Pass in the throes of every town's Conservation Commission dredge and Fill permitting process, just what they want to make the project so expensive that it will withdraw.

I give you an example of one man's tainted testimony I heard in Plymouth, Mr Page claims he worked for OSHA. Tell me any OSHA official who would remove markers of test holes so an unsuspecting person might step into the hole? What he didn't tell you is of the developer who was subdividing and making lots and digging test holes for septic systems and not Northern Pass test sites.

A very learned lady known as the town historian, Joanne Wasson who has the power lines going through her land

on South Road says they don't bother her. Further those who oppose the addition to the sub station weren't here in 1974 when it was approved and build and have long ago missed the time when they could have stopped it.

I thank you for accepting this testimony and ask you to ask the Planning Board for the Master Plan survey of what citizens wanted and what's in the Master Plan as well as to think of those of us who hike the power lines and pick berries and then just watch for the wildlife.

There is much to think about but Deerfield with it's narrow route 107 will never attract manufacturers who would put tractor trailers on this highway.

I love driving around town but for those who bought abutting the power lines and its right of way to now try and impose their will on what could improve our states electric supply and rates is just plain wrong.

Sincerely,

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