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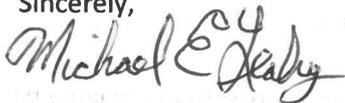
Dear Ms. Monroe:

Bury Northern Pass

Our family has owned a home on Route 116 in Easton, New Hampshire since 1957 and as an abutter we receive information about the Northern Pass route. It was with some relief that after Northern Pass's initial plans were met with opposition they changed their stance and decided that they could afford after all to bury some of the power line through the White Mountain National Forest. If they can bury one-third of the length of the electric corridor, then they can easily bury the entire length with the profit they expect to make on this project. Why should two-thirds of New Hampshire residents and its tourists be left with a second scar of towers and overhead transmission lines? All one has to do is to drive to the intersection of Routes 112 and 302 for a horrible sight that will one day be matched by a power line that will march down two-thirds of central New Hampshire. Why the need for two HVDC lines anyway?

This is simply another company or group of companies, including a foreign entity, putting profit above environmental and health concerns of the State's residents. Do we really want to be subject to a foreign entity for our electricity? Although they said they listened, it is quite obvious that they have not. If other projects such as the proposed power line through Vermont and gas lines elsewhere can be buried why not the entire Northern Pass? If other States can require that utilities be buried, then there is no reason for the State of New Hampshire to not require the same of the Northern Pass. Burying Northern Pass, in its entirety, is the right thing and the only thing to do. All current & future residents and our children and grandchildren, are dependent upon the SEC to do the only thing and the right thing for New Hampshire. **Please, Put People before Profit, Please Put Trees before Towers.**

Sincerely,



Michael E. Leahy



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