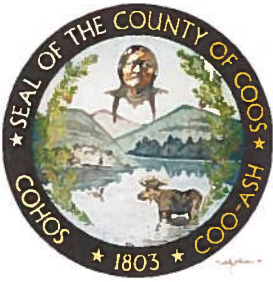


From: Katherine Samson [<mailto:samsonzoo@outlook.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Public comments

Ms. Monroe,

Please see attached letter and add to public comments of Docket No, 2015-06. Thank you.

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State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

March 7, 2016

Re: Docket No, 2015-06

For the record, my name is Richard J. Samson, Coos County Commissioner, District Three. I represent 11 towns and 8 unincorporated places. Of the 11 towns, 6 will be directly affected by Northern Pass and 4 of the unincorporated places will be affected.

The district I represent begins in Groveton or Northumberland and extends to Pittsburg at the Canadian border. It also extends from Errol, bordering Maine, to the Connecticut River separating New Hampshire and Vermont. It is the largest district in our county and state and the most affected.

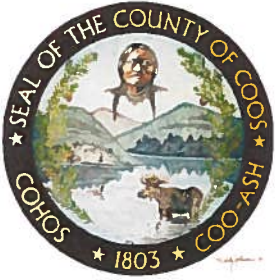
The towns of Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford and Groveton have all voted at their town meetings in the past several years to oppose the proposed Northern Pass project. It is also in the Stark 2016 town warrant, article 16, to oppose any further overhead development of alternating current or direct current high voltage transmission lines within the borders of the town of Stark.

In Stark, all such future electrical transmission lines must be placed underground within power line rights of ways or within yet to be established power line corridors and installed in a manner approved by the state of New Hampshire's Public Utility Commission and/ or Department of Transportation.

At this time there are no transmission lines in Pittsburg, Clarksville or Stewartstown. There is a transbution line only.

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Has Northern Pass shown disregard and disrespect for upper Coos County by a lack of communication with the local elected officials? No Northern Pass official or representative has contacted the Coos County Commissioners, which serve as the select board for the unincorporated places. RSA 162-H: 16 IV (b) requires the committee to consider the views of municipal governing bodies on the Project's impact on the orderly growth of the region and the economic impact as well.

Would the SEC require Northern Pass to identify who Northern Pass feels are the stakeholders? The residents, landowners and business owners in my district that are negatively affected most by this proposed project have not been given due consideration or input. Northern Pass's refusal to meet with the above mentioned parties and opponents to honestly and openly discuss this proposed project shows a lack of concern for the residents of upper Coos County.

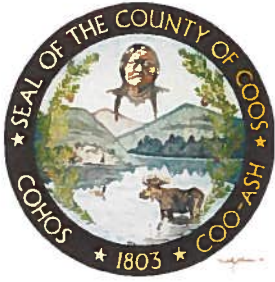
I would respectfully request that the SEC require Northern Pass to have open, honest and sincere discussions with any elected and affected local officials and affected opponents.

If Northern Pass is to be built, let us do what is right and honest for all the residents of our state and benefit our state and not corporate greed. Enough false information has been generated by proponents of this ill-conceived proposed project.

The SEC required that the Coos Wind Park have their financing in place and a decommissioning fund set up before approval. The Coos Wind Park is now 75% owned By Brookfield Power of Toronto Canada. The total decommissioning fund is approximately \$875,000 for 33 high elevation wind turbines. This fund will not begin to decommission the 33 wind turbines.

If permitted will Northern Pass remain owned by Northern Pass or will it eventually be sold to Hydro-Quebec as was the case of the Coos Wind Park?

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Is it the responsibility and obligation of the SEC to protect not only the applicant but also to protect the residents and our state? We the people are the caretakers of New Hampshire and included is the SEC.

“THE SMART WAY TO KEEP PEOPLE PASSIVE AND OBEDIENT IS TO STRICTLY LIMIT THE SPECTRUM OF ACCEPTABLE OPINION, BUT ALLOW VERY LIVELY DEBATE WITHIN THAT SPECTRUM.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard (Rick) Samson

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