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Subject: Public comment supporting Forward NH/ Northern Pass Project

Dear Ms. Monroe,

I appreciate there has been a great deal of controversy and public opposition to this project. While I can sympathize with those who have environmental concerns, I do think we need to remind ourselves that we all, without exception, are consumers of electricity. Our individual lives do not work without it in this modern age. We rely on it for lighting, heat, entertainment, communication, for our industries and tourism, to do our jobs and for the supply of the very food we eat.

Our country and the local economy in the Northeast US continues to grow, despite the fact we pay some of the highest energy costs in the country. Our children grow, establish new households of their own and need electricity to work, play, communicate and entertain. This demand for electricity as a result of these things continues to grow, is unavoidable and needs to be addressed.

It is irresponsible for us to ignore the increasing need, and continuously oppose every new initiative, aimed at increasing our available supply of electricity. We need the power. We need it to be affordable, we need it to be reliable, and we need it to come from an environmentally responsible source.

The Northern Pass project is a proposal to feed our growing need for electrical energy using clean and renewable Hydro power. The project has gone above and beyond in addressing environmental and aesthetic concerns, helps meet an increasingly urgent need for power and should meet with your unwavering and expeditious approval.

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