

## SEC COMMENTS COLLECTION

SEC Docket	2015-06 Northern Pass Transmission - Eversource
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### Commenter Words

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am not the first nor will I be the last to point this out, but Eversource's Northern Pass project is simply trying to use the force of the government to make abutters of the project pay a portion of the costs of the project, while not receiving any of the benefits. One of the fundamental roles of government is to prevent exactly this situation from happening, not enable it!

Governments are supposed to internalize externalities. Eversource's proposal is to force the abutters to bear some its costs. I simply cannot find a single reason why the government thinks that random landowners up and down NH need to subsidize the owners of Eversource.

All of Eversource arguments for not burying the line boil down to nothing but a series of "SpicerFacts, completely untrue statements that people are somehow supposed to accept as true, despite their obvious falsity. I don't like hearing such statements from the White House press secretary, and I don't like hearing them from a private company that is asking the government to assist it in making random landowners bear its costs!

It's worth noting it is often the same people who love to scream about private property rights who, in this case, seem to think the private property rights of the abutters should be given, without compensation, to Eversource.

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