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Hello,

I will not be able to attend any of the hearings as I work a 9-5, M-F job, but hoped to express my opposition to the project directly.

Northern Pass is an nonviable option as currently proposed. The creation of new ROW for towers and impacts to new terrain through some of New Hampshire's most notable viewpoints would be damaging to tourism and property values. If the costs of burying the line make the project too expensive, then the project is too expensive. If you were building a house, would you accept a plan that declared plumbing too expensive, meaning you had to defecate on the lawn?

Last fall the New England Clean Energy RFP declined to include Northern Pass (<http://www.outdoors.org/articles/blogs/conservation/states-reject-northern-pass/>). This project does not even have a market yet stubbornly pushes forward in the face of local opposition and lack of demand. It only serves as a profit hog for Eversource.

Finally earlier this year National Grid put forward an alternative plan that creates no additional ROWs or impacts to New Hampshire lands (<http://nhpr.org/post/new-project-national-grid-puts-forward-possible-alternative-northern-pass#stream/0>). The Granite State Power Link would pass along existing corridors and bring wind and hydroelectric power to the New England grid.

I'm fully in support of alternative power sources and fully recognize the need to expand the grid's power supply. But we must takes steps to do so in a responsible and well-thought manner. Projects like Northern Pass are simply ill conceived. Given that a viable alternative has already been proposed, the bid for Northern Pass should be finally put to rest. It's a terrible plan. Let's end it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Happy trails,

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