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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
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re: Northern Pass Transmission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am John Vail and live in the Town of Easton at 652 Eaton Valley Road, the state highway Route 116 along the very route proposed for the never to actually be built Northern Pass transmission line.

Two years ago, I bought this property, a hundred-year-old farmhouse suitable for conversion and now zoned to allow for three apartment units, including one for the landlord occupier. The conversion to rental space has entailed the "gutting" of almost all affected areas, including rewiring and new breaker panel, new plumbing, new kitchen and bath, provisions for updating safety and fire concerns, and updated weatherization efforts (insulation and modern windows).

For the past four to five months I have been showing the rental side of the building. I set out asking for rents somewhat below local market value for housing rentals, and this asked for a setting that, as to appearances and conveniences, is certainly well above what would be expected from the local rental housing stock. While several prospective tenants are "thinking about it", many others have never gotten back, some of whom I know have settled on accommodations away from the proposed transmission route.

Several weeks ago, I reduced the rent another \$100 per month, including notifying folks who had looked here and then continued to look elsewhere. For one apartment, say, the new asking monthly rent is \$700 to

\$750, this for 750 square feet with washer / dryer outside the unit, mostly new appliances, refinished hardwood floors, well finished as to closets, details, etc, along with a rather stunning view of the Kinsman Ridge, a more intimate view of a beautiful black stallion grazing in the paddock just across the state road, and a landlord who is fairly agreeable.

Now I do not know if you have personally driven the Easton Road of late, but I'm sure you can get a fairly clear picture from any of the minions who do your bidding and who are regularly up and down our road surveying and drawing up 'battle plans' for your planned assault on our peace. I refer, of course, to the many signs blighting the verge out here. These uniformly oppose the indignities you wish to visit upon us. No doubt the local dumps' volume statistics will spike noticeably high with the addition of all this material, just after we have finally run you all out of town.

For prospective tenants, it only makes sense: Average rental tenancies range only for several years (This NOT including those ending dis-favorably for the landlord). Why would anyone of sound mind, expecting a tenancy about that long, opt for a new residence about 15 yards from a two-year (optimistically speaking, certainly not less given that your spinners seem to be flashing a rather sunny view of all sorts of things that are elsewhere called 'alternate facts') 7 AM to 7 PM construction zone, a daily dusting of everything within 1/4 of a mile, truck racket, traffic mess, the plundering of our front yards, and so on?

I appreciate your attention, though I hope you are able to see fit to withdraw your plans for this project. Given my own desire to get tenants, I do understand that financial concerns are compelling, though suggest also that your participation and efforts here may prove detrimental in the life of your spirit.

Peace,