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Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator  
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-16, Northern Pass Transmission

Dear Ms. Monroe:

As the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Monadnock Paper Mills, I am writing to express my strong support for the Northern Pass project.

Monadnock employs over 130 people at our manufacturing facility in Bennington, New Hampshire, and environmental stewardship is one of our core values.

All our products are manufactured carbon neutral using Green-e certified 100% renewable electricity. Monadnock has been recognized by leading organizations, including the Sierra Club and The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests for our environmental commitment.

Manufacturing, and the jobs that come with it, are key to the New Hampshire economy. Just as we need the infrastructure of buildings to house our machinery and equipment, we need the infrastructure for transmission and distribution of the power we need. Today, our regional economy finds itself at a competitive disadvantage due to a lack of adequate energy supply. All of our competitors are from outside of New England. There's no question we need more power to help reduce energy costs. The question is, what kind of power? At Monadnock, we own and operate low impact hydroelectric facilities and in a good year can generate up to 50% of our electricity needs by this renewable resource.

Hydro power is one of the cleanest forms of energy available, and according to project estimates, the energy delivered through Northern Pass will reduce regional carbon emissions by up to 3 million tons per year. Moreover, the project has taken sound, reasonable steps to reduce its visual impact, including the burial of lines throughout the entire White Mountain region.

I have followed the progress of this project for years, and continue to believe the advantages for our environment and economy clearly outweigh the disadvantages.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Richard G. Verney  
Chairman and CEO

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