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This letter is in **OPPOSITION to the Northern Pass:**

My name is Eileen Ball and I have been fortunate to live alongside the Gale River in Franconia and Sugar Hill, New Hampshire for the past 53 years. My husband's family has lived in the Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton since the 1800's. The Ball family has been in New Hampshire prior to the American Revolution.

In the 1970's, my father John O'Neil of Dalton, New Hampshire, opposed the Hydro-Quebec Power Line proposal that was going to run along the Connecticut River to Monroe, New Hampshire. These objections of his are still relevant today for the Northern Pass proposal.

- **Pollution of Ground Water-** the chemicals that were listed to be used to defoliate the trees, bushes and grasses under the power lines would pollute the ground water.
- **Cancer to Humans-** those living near the power line, at the time, had a higher percentage of Cancer than those not living near those power lines.
- **Noise from the Power Lines-** the noise emitted by the high voltage going through the power lines, at the time, was considered a link to Brain Cancer.

My objection to the Northern Pass has always been that of the Northern Pass proposal would destroy the beauty of New Hampshire, most beautiful state in the East. I say this because (for example) on Interstate 81 that runs all the way through Virginia, the highway runs through the valley between the Appalachian Mountains on the west in West Virginia and the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east. Sounds spectacular, except running right through that beautiful valley are large Transmission Lines. Those same size Transmission Lines are proposed for New Hampshire in the Northern Pass proposal.

So my father's original objection of **Pollution, Cancer** and **Noise** holds up with my objection of **Devastation for Our Beautiful State**. I think along with everything else mentioned, **Frost Heaves** should be something to be considered. The ground swell might affect the lines that the Northern Pass plans to place underground. If the Frost Heaves affect this underground process, those same Transmission Lines will then have to be above ground on towers.

If the State of New Hampshire is looking towards the future in growth and employment for its people, then Northern Pass is in my opinion “old technology”. A better way to increase economic growth in New Hampshire is increase access to Broadband.

Sincerely,

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