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To: Monroe, Pamela

Subject: Northern Pass Comments

Hi Ms. Monroe;

As a 30 year plus resident of Northern NH, I am gravely concerned about the possible construction of the Northern Pass project. I came to Northern NH as a young professional to work at the White Mountain Community College in Berlin for 1-2 years. I stayed because of the unique and amazing beauty I found here.

If Northern Pass had been built when I arrived in the North Country, I would not be here today. I have to wonder how many others would have left. I simply cannot imagine the impact on Northern NH if we should lose the one thing that makes us unique – We have no transmission lines in far Northern Coos. When I add that simple fact to the reality of huge steel towers being built throughout the region, including close to my home, I am frankly appalled.

Northern NH already has the highest levels of poverty in the State. What will happen to our growing tourist industry if Northern Pass is built? How many people will go elsewhere, or simply leave? Despite extensive research, I can see no net economic benefit to NH (Certainly not Northern NH). Added jobs would be almost exclusively temporary. Any tax benefit would likely be counteracted by the loss of tourist related tax base. What would happen to property values. Who would want to live next to a huge transmission line? I wouldn't. Would our electric rates go down, or would they go up? Will Northern Pass (Hydro Quebec) assume the risk or would the residents of NH?

Please listen to the people and do not let this project be constructed. The benefits, if any, would be temporary. The damage would be permanent. Do we want to leave this legacy for our children? Do you want it to be your legacy?

Thanks in advance for listening.....I hope.

Sincerely

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