

**Columbia Log Yard—Renaud Grandmaison—897 US Route 3—Columbia, NH 03590**

My name is Renaud Grandmaison and live in Columbia, New Hampshire. For the past 45 years I have worked as an owner-operator truck driver... hauling gravel, timber and other materials throughout Northern New England. However recently I've had difficulty lining up local jobs and work farther away from home for extended periods of time.

We all know that manufacturing in New Hampshire has taken a big hit. Paper mills are closing and companies like SIG Sauer are expanding into other states. Energy costs are a big reason, and we need relief from new sources of clean, cheap power. And when we hear about power plants closing, we might need the new power just to replace old plants and keep rates where they are!

In my line of work, temporary jobs are huge. Since the closure of North Country paper mills, most of my work comes from hauling goods to construction sites. A project like Northern Pass could keep me busy for a few years—I may even need to hire a second driver. But the most important thing to me is that I will get to work, close to home. As the jobs leave the North Country I have to look further and further away to line up work.

If it wasn't the Canadian log and pulp and other products, Northern New England would have very few jobs. Canada and USA worked together for many years. If New England does not want the Northern Pass I think we should make the power in New England.

So I'd like to voice my support for Northern Pass. Benefits to manufacturing, clean power and even small time truckers like me are too big to be ignored. We need the power and we need the jobs!

Thank you

Reno

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reno Grandmaison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

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