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SECDocket	2015-06 Northern Pass Transmission - Eversource
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To the NH Site Evaluation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

New Hampshire is blessed with a small - yet beautiful - northern region that is home to many communities of people. We make this area our home due to its natural beauty and the lifestyle it affords us. It is also home to a great variety of wildlife that depend on its relatively unspoiled condition for their habitat.

In addition, our region depends greatly on tourism as a major part of its economy. The State of New Hampshire, in turn, benefits economically from this valuable natural resource. The Northern Pass project, as proposed, will permanently degrade the natural beauty of the region, making the area less desirable for its inhabitants and for the visitors who come here to recreate and experience its natural beauty.

The compromise that should be made here is to bury the line for the entire distance from Canada to Deerfield, not just a small portion as currently proposed. Had Northern Pass agreed to do this earlier on, all the money spent on their publicity campaigns and legal fees could have been used to achieve that satisfactory and acceptable end.

Finally, if the folks in southern New England want to feel good about their sources of electricity, they should be willing to pay Eversource a rate that will make burying the entire transmission system economically feasible. While I have no issue with their desire to be good stewards of the planet, I do take exception when they wish to desecrate our region and do it on the cheap, just to feel good about themselves. If purchasing clean, renewable electrical power is so important to them, they should be willing to pay enough so the system that delivers it to them doesn't compromise our sense of place and quality of life.