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It is quite obvious, after attending many of the hearings in Concord, that Northern Pass should pack its bags and get out of New Hampshire. The seeming ineptitude of the applicants testimony from so called "experts", begs the question - "are they capable of being straight with the people of NH?" Evasion after evasion. Questions left unanswered. Pleading ignorance or glossing over matters of safety, boundary lines, environmental concerns, construction issues, tourism, business impacts, etc. It's an insult to the people of New Hampshire that the applicant thinks so little of its audience that they avoid honest dialog and continuously bend the truth to fit their specious goal of ramming an unwanted project down the middle of our state. We are all grown ups in the room. Yet, answers that plainly deserve a yes or no are couched in boiler plate legalese using obvious avoidance techniques and continuously spouting the corporate mantra of Best Management Practices (BMPs). When in fact BMPs are just smoke and mirrors to hide the true extent of environmental destruction and scenic debasement that will be foisted upon the good people of NH and unsuspecting tourists. It's been 19 months since the submittal of the "completed" Northern Pass application, yet the people along the underground route still do not know where the trench will be. Northern Pass came to our towns and stated flatly that the line and vaults will be UNDER the pavement, but we know now that is a lie. It is beyond belief that NPT chose our state highways for this transmission line with zero regard for property rights, not knowing rights of way boundary lines, and planning a route that was in direct conflict with DOT regulations. This should have been the first warning sign that Northern Pass was flying by the seat of its pants and that pure arrogance was its driving force. DOT should have slammed the door in NPTs face. Instead the DOT and DES have been willing facilitators in this land grab that is akin to eminent domain, with absolutely no protections by the state or compensation to landowners. I hope that the SEC sees through this charade. This commission must decide if they want to be folk heroes in NH by rejecting this boondoggle or if they want to be forever ostracized for making the worst decision in the history of this state. The choice is theirs, and if approved, will be remembered by NH residents with utter disdain. The DOT, PUC, DES and SEC must stand tall for the people of NH and reject this project. We can do so much better...