

SEC COMMENTS COLLECTION

SECDocket	2015-06 Northern Pass Transmission - Eversource
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Dear SEC Members,

I have great reservations about the impacts of Northern Pass as proposed, including burial, which stands in stark contrast to the newly proposed Granite State Power Link.

As a resident of Bridgewater and a business owner in Plymouth, I would be directly impacted both by the Northern Pass's mammoth new overhead towers that recommence in Bridgewater, and by the disruptive process of burying the lines down Route 3 (along which I commute and my customers access my business) and downtown Plymouth (where I do the majority of my weekly shopping and errands, from the laundromat to the hardware and natural food stores).

It seems quite clear that the route chosen by Northern Pass (NP) is designed to benefit NP, and not the people of New Hampshire. This is in sharp contrast to the proposed Granite State Power Link (GSPL), which would employ existing transmission corridors and towers along almost the entirety of its route, and which is designed to minimize impact on the environment and viewsheds.

NP as proposed is clearly an inferior project, and if New Hampshire does decide to allow our state to be used as a transmission corridor from Quebec, then we should at least select a project that does no harm to our state's natural and scenic resources, or our local towns and businesses-- unlike NP.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Highland