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A number of months ago I filed as an intervener in the Northern Pass project. As a permanent, year-round resident of Franconia, living along the proposed route of the project, I listed several reasons for my intervening in the project: The cable will not create any significant increase in employment; over the 2-3 years it will take to dig and fill a trench down the center of routes 18 & 116, there will be a need for construction workers; however, after it's completion, only 3 or 4 workers will be needed to maintain the cable. This is hardly employment growth for the region.

All parties on both sides of the project agree that the cable will generate enough heat to melt snow on the road's surface during the winter. Where the cable is buried under river/stream beds (at least 13 different times), the rise in water temperature will be constant. There will be, every thousand feet or so, a raised 30'x60' concrete bunker constructed where the cables join. At the various town meetings, no one from the Eversource/Hydro-Quebec side of the project could offer an explanation as to what the impact on the environment or those living near to the cable, such as myself and my family, will be.

Think for a minute, if the heat generated will melt snow on the roads in the winter, what will the generated continual heat be like in the summer? When I'm walking from my home to the post office or local grocery store, along both routes, what cumulative effect will the heat and electro-magnetic properties be on my body?

I've learned there are no plans for Eversource/Hydro-Quebec to monitor the cable's effects nor are there any contingency plans in the event of an emergency. I'm reminded of the super-conductor in Switzerland a year or so ago that was brought to a halt by a small animal burrowing into it.

This is a bad project. It will not improve anyone's quality of life, nor will it provide any positive impact on the lives of people in the north country or in New Hampshire, for that matter. The purpose of the cable, after all, is to bring more electricity to MA and CT. New Hampshire will not really benefit from the cable.

If the project has to move forward, then bury the cable down route 93 for its entire length. Let there be federal government oversight of the cable. Let the user fees, licenses and any other monies generated go to the public.