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SECDocket	2015-06 Northern Pass Transmission - Eversource
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Dear Ms. Monroe;

I am writing to express my opposition to the Northern Pass Transmission Line Project (Docket # 2015-06).

As I understand the role of the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC), part of the SEC's duty is to ensure new "facilities are evaluated in the public's best interests, and that they are designed, built, and operated in a manner that will protect and preserve the high quality of life enjoyed by New Hampshire's residents and visitors alike."

I also understand the SEC must consider the pressing energy needs of the State of New Hampshire when reviewing projects such as this. I realize New Hampshire and our neighbors here in Northern New England are in desperate need of upgraded and expanded sources of clean energy, but not at ANY cost; and the "costs" of this project are enormous.

After reviewing the paltry information Eversource has published on how this project will benefit New Hampshire and it's citizens, I'm afraid I can find no real benefit to either. I did find considerable benefit for Eversource, however.

Based upon due consideration I find no other course by to oppose the Northern Pass Project, based on the following:

1. Reduction in the cost of energy from the project are minimal to non-existent for State residents and businesses.
2. Meaningful jobs creation for the State is only temporary.
3. The damage to our beautiful landscape and animal habitat is permanent and simply unconscionable.
4. The permanent damage to our statewide tourism industry would be devastating to local economies and the entire state as well, undoubtedly exceeding any long-term jobs incidentally created by the project.
5. Hydro-electric power, in the form Eversource is proposing is not "green" or "clean" in any sense of the words, as they are used today.
6. When I think of this project moving forward as it has been presented, my first thought is: Do we really want to become known as the New Jersey of Northern New England? The Northern Pass Project will utterly destroy this beautiful state. (No offense to anyone from New Jersey).

In closing, I simply ask that the SEC "ensure that these new facilities are evaluated in the public's best interests, and...in a manner that will protect and preserve the high quality of life enjoyed by New Hampshire's residents and visitors alike."

Respectfully,

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